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US, Israel, Egypt to hold parley in Paris tomorrow

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SENIOR US, Israeli and Egyptian officials are to hold one day of talks in Paris tomorrow to discuss what officials would only refer to as

"regional developments." The officials who are to attend the talks are those most closely involved in the Middle East peace process: US special Middle East peace coor-dinator Dennis Ross, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Done Gold and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's national

An official in Jerusalem suggested that the discussions may focus on the November Cairo regional economic summit, in light of Mubarak's threat to cancel the parley unless there is progress in the peace process with the Palestinians. The official insisted that the Paris meeting would be a prelude to a visit by Foreign Minister David Levy to Cairo either this week or next in a bid to ensure that the economic summit takes place as scheduled. (Continued on Page 4)

IAF chief involved in F-14

emergency landing ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A US Navy F-14 returning OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliyahu from a visit to the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier blew a tire on landing and smoldered on the runway at Ben-Gurion airport yesterday.

Rescue vehicles cooled down the landing gear and Ben-Eliyahu and the US Navy pilot emerged unbarmed, the IDF

Ben-Eliyahu had just returned from observing maneuvers aboard the American aircraft carrier currently in the region. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is also expected to be flown to the aircraft carrier soon. The pride of the US Sixth Fleet, the nuclear-powered air-

craft carrier is currently calling to port in Haifa, but the exercise is being conducted in interna-tional waters. Joining Netanyabu will be the commander of the Navy, Rear Admiral Alex Tal. Together they will observe US Navy jets conducting mock attacks and stag-

ing raids. "[The message] is pretty obvi-ous. The United States and Israel are partners and we have a long and deep and full relationship and the security relationship is part of that," said Richard Scorza, spokesman for

the US embassy in Tel Aviv. He said that the visit was planned months in advance and denied that it was timed around the recent rise in verbal tensions between Israel and Syria.



Assad asks Ahmed Jibril to leave Syria

asked the head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command Ahmed Jibril to leave Syria and go to Iran,

It remains unclear whether Assad asked Jibril to leave for good and close down his group that operates in Syria, or only requested that he leave the country temporarily.

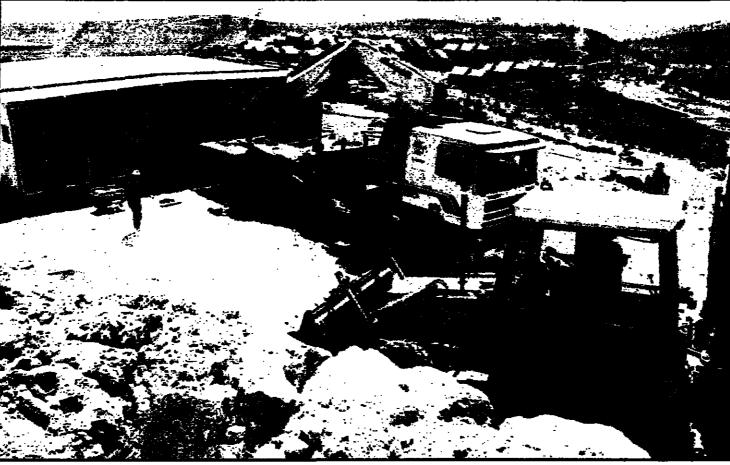
the domestic climate in the US is growing increasingly angry over terrorism in the wake of the bombing of US soldiers in Daharan, Saudi Arabia, and the crash of TWA Flight 800 last month. Syria remains on the US State Department Terrorism list, but publicly disassociates itself from terror-

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ism in the downing of the TWA flight, but last week the US Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime lab found traces of a component of plastic explosives on a piece of plane wreckage. The component, PETN, has been used in past terrorist bombings of

Jibril reportedly participated in a June meeting in Teheran along with members of Hizbullah and an Egyptian Islamic militant group. At the meeting he expressed interest in carrying out attacks against American

So far, however, it must be stressed that there is no evidence that Jibril, who has been linked to airplane terror attacks in the past, is involved either in the TWA crash or the



Gov't sources: PA has met demand to close eastern Jerusalem offices

HE Palestinian Authority informed the government that it has met the demand - one of several which Israel placed as a condition for advancing the peace process - to close three PA-affiliated offices in eastern Jerusalem, government sources said yester-

But there was no confirmation from the office of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, according to WAFA, the PLO's news agency which routinely carries all official announcements. "It is only a rumor, nothing more," said WAFA director Ali Hussein.

Government officials said the PA apparently continues to violate the Oslo Accords by operating Palestinian security agents in eastern Jerusalem and trying to take control of Arab schools in

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told Channel 1 that the government was still waiting for verification of the PA's claim it had closed its offices in the city.

Khalil Toufakji, director of the Now it's Israel's turn

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THE move by the Palestinians to

close down their institutions in

Jerusalem is expected to pave the

way for Israeli concessions and

Over the last few weeks, Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and

his aides said that Israeli moves in

Hebron and other gestures could only occur after the Palestinians closed their offices in Jerusalem.

Officially, Netanyahu's office has not reacted to the move because the

General Security Service has not

independently confirmed the closing of each institution. But officials

admit that they know the institutions

are closing, and are expecting that the Palestinian Authority Preventive

Security Service headed by Jibril

Rajoub will stop operating in the city

in the coming days.

They are concerned, however, that

its own public opinion.

progress in the peace talks.

department of the Palestinian Geography Center, one of the offices the government demanded closed, confirmed that on Saturday he was informed by

PA officials in Gaza that he must shut down his office. Palestinian officials have for some time maintained that the demand for the closure of the Sports and Youth Department was obsolete, as the office had moved to Ramallah even before the gov-

ernment asked that it be shut

The third office the government demanded be closed, the Palestinian Vocational Center in Beit Hanina, appeared to still be in operation yesterday. Palestinian officials said the center is not con-

nected to the PA, so the government's demand was unfounded. Government sources said last night that in the coming days the security establishment would determine if the PA had stopped

indeed closed, it would constitute an important victory for the government, the sources said.

"As a Palestinian, I receive my instructions from the PA, so when they told me to close the office, I did so," Toufakji said.

Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem, seemed to be taken by surprise by the reports of the closure of the PA offices in the city. Throughout the day, Orient House officials changed their statements on the status of the offices.

Meanwhile, a special meeting of the ministerial committee on Jerusalem was held yesterday afternoon to discuss measures to block the growing influence of the PA in eastern Jerusalem schools.

The committee, headed by Netanyahu, decided that Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer would within two weeks come up with a concrete plan to

over eastern Jerusalem schools.

Olmert informed the committee that the municipality was placing stickers over the PA emblem that appears on textbooks distributed to Palestinian pupils in eastern Jerusalem, as it had to do last year after the PA put its own covers on

Olmert also presented the ministerial committee with a list of funding demands for development in the city's Arab sector. The mayor argued that if Israel is to truly stand by its claims of (Continued on Page 4)

But there has been greater nervousness in Syria in the wake of allegations by American and non-American sources that at least five trucks filled with explosives travelled from Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, passed through Syrian soil, and have either made their way to different countries in the Gulf or to the Jordanian-Saudi border in the last

PM-Arafat meeting may follow **Hebron deal**

Weizman, Netanyahu play down rift **BATSHEVA TSUR and DAVID MAKOVSKY**

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night took one step closer to meeting Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, saying he would do so if such an encounter were "substantive and not ceremonial."

But officials in the Prime Minister's Office sharply denied a Channel 1 report that such a meeting would be held

in two weeks. While one official said he foresaw no such meeting, another indicated that it would be linked to a successful conclusion of an Israeli-Palestinian deal for modified IDF redeployment in Hebron. Palestinian officials, however, say they refuse to modify terms for a Hebron pullback.

In an interview on Channel 1 last night, Netanyahu veered from his standard response since coming to power that he would only "consider" meeting Arafat if he deemed it essential for Israel's security that he do so.

Last night, he indicated that he would indeed meet Arafat, but he wanted to make sure that the meeting would be "substantive and lead to results" and not just ceremonial. The meeting depends upon developments and not upon dates," he said, alluding to progress on the peace process.

Netanyahu made clear that once issues of Hebron and mutual recriminations about violations were resolved, this would "clear the table" and make "talks on final status" possible. Under the Oslo Accords, those talks began in May 1996 and are to be concluded three years later.

Earlier in the day, President Ezer Weizman and Netanyahu resolved a crisis between them over the peace process by announcing that Weizman would meet with Arafat, probably in the near future, while the exact time of the meeting would be fixed in consultation

with Netanyahu. Officials at the Prime Minister's Office said Netanyahu has an agreement from Weizman to link the date of the meeting to Palestinian concessions at the negotiating table, and that the prime minister will decide when that time will be.

Beit Hanassi said last night that Weizman would respond to a letter from Arafat requesting the meeting in the next few days.

Weizman and Netanyahu met in the morning at Beit Hanassi amid a media flap over a report that Weizman had insisted on inviting Arafat to his home in Caesarea unless Netanyahu agreed to meet the PA leader soon.

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Arafat sooner rather than later.

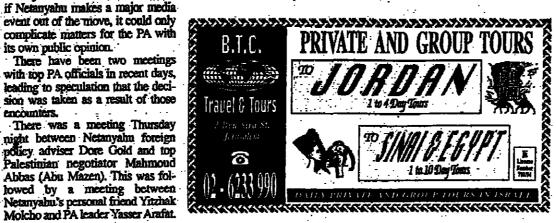
FOR Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, quietly closing two small offices in Jerusalem without an official announcement is calculated to arouse Israeli public opinion while keeping Palestinians calm. Like the ambiguity that accompanied the cancellation of the PNC covenant, it is nonetheless an important symbolic gesture that has not

gone unchallenged by Palestinians at a time when a growing number fear they are being hoodwinked by the Oslo process.

We will make new institutions not connected to the PA. We will not

leave the area empty but will provide services for the people of Jerusalem," said Hattern Abdel Khader, a Palestinian Council member who won popularity but Arafat's annoyance when he publicly announced he was opening his Jerusalem living room as an office.
Indeed, the PA's influence on education and policing in the Arab-popu-

lated areas of Jerusalem is more far-reaching than a couple of offices and uprooting such influence is also more difficult than closing the offices. Arafat has covered himself against charges of backing down from his own side by cleverly calling for a meeting with President Ezer Weizman. His warning to Weizman that he could lose control if matters continue along present lines, is part of a strategy of going over the head of the government, which began with his first Israeli TV interview two weeks ago. A meeting with Weizman highlights Arafat's own role as "president" of a budding "state," and it must influence the prime minister to meet with





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THE government is not making enough concessions to the Palestinian Authority, and is there-by endangering PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's survival, Likud MK Gideon Ezra charged yester-

day.
"We have to allow the PA to survive," Ezra said in an interview with Israel Radio. "[To do this], we need to take a series of actions. And among other things, we need to give honor to the person who heads the PA, who has very serious internal problems of his own."

Speaking to The Jerusalem Post later, Ezra, a former deputy head of the General Security Service, said he did not think the specific issue of whether Netanyahu met Arafat was in itself important. However, he said, the government must give the PA something substantial if it wants "to realize its own desires in Judea and Samaria and Jerusalem."

"Arafat, to do what we want from him, must have the public support to do so - and I think we are taking this support away from

him," he explained.
We must give the Palestinians everything that doesn't cost us in blood," he continued. "What's important to us is the [PA's] commitment to fight terror... And for them to continue to hold all their terrorist citizens in jail, they must be able to provide answers [to their people] on other issues."

Ezra stopped short of saying the government should immediately

monthly monetary announcement.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the country's leading

business people last night that the Cairo economic summit is still

going ahead as planned. His comment comes after Egyptian President

Hosni Mubarak said last week the summit will only go ahead if peace talk with the Palestinians resume. Finance Minister Dan Meridor, also

addressing the Tel Aviv audience, said the government will insist on

implementing the NIS 4.9 billion budget cuts next year. Speaking to reporters at the event, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel would

Trans-Israel highway may be moved eastward.
National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Environment.

Minister Rafael Eitan agreed yesterday to examine the possibility of moving the Trans-Israel Highway eastward. Eitan brought up the idea two months ago after surveying the area designated for the road. He also suggested the possibility of putting parts of the road underground, which could also provide shelters in a state of

The chairman of the Secondary Schools Teachers Association,

Shosh Oren, is to meet today with Treasury wage chief Yossi

Kutchik in an attempt to avert a teachers' strike on the eve of the

opening of the new school year. The teachers have announced a work dispute over what they claim is an erosion in their wages and

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Netanyahu: Cairo summit still on

Meeting to avert teachers' strike

implement a full redeployment from Hebron, but insisted that it take a decisive action on the issue. Ezra also said he believes the

main condition Israel should impose should be that the PA must arrest everyone whom Israel wants arrested. In addition, he said, it should be made clear that Kiryat Arba and the Jewish settlements in Hebron are one unit, and that they will remain under Israeli control.

Even on the anti-terror issue, there is one area where Israel must make concessions, Ezra said.

"There's one thing Israel has to understand, and that is that [the PA] won't extradite terrorist murderers to us," he explained.

Israel should take a number of other steps that "don't hurt anything," he recommended, such as easing student travel between Gaza and Judea and Samaria, letting more Palestinians go up to the Temple Mount, letting more Palestinians work in Israel and allowing Palestinian merchants to enter Israel.

David Wilder, a spokesman for the Jewish community in Hebron. rejected Ezra's comments on the

We don't buy giving terrorists a second chance," he said. "We've learned the hard way that once a terrorist, always a terrorist. The security dangers we would face if armed Palestinians had control of the hills around us would be cata-



IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak visits at Nahariya Government Hospital with

Avishai Shafir, the soldier who was seriously wounded in the friendly fire incident in Lebanon last

week. Shafir briefed Shahak on the incident, in which his comrade Valery Ganzman was killed

after the patrol was divided in two and one group fired on the other. Asked if he was angry at the commander who ordered the troops to fire, Shafir said that anyone can make a mistake. 'If it hap-

HIZBULLAH gunmen fired Sagger anti-tank missiles at an IDF tank in the western sector of the security zone yesterday.

The IDF force was on operational duties near a South Lebanese Army outpost in the Bint Jbail region which also came under mortar fire from the gunmen. There were no casualties among IDF or SLA troops in the incident and no damage was caused. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

In another development, soldiers from UNIFIL's Ghanian contingent yesterday recovered the bodies of three Palestinian gunmen killed in a clash with IDF paratroopers near Talousa, in the

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

central sector of the zone, over a UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said the bodies were removed from the field by the sol-

diers and handed over to the Lebanese Red Cross. Meanwhile, voting in the second of the five rounds of Lebanon's parliamentary elections got under way in the north of the country yesterday. This follows the first round in the predominantly

Mount

Christian-populated

widespread vote-rigging in the first round.

Officials said rival campaign workers scuffled outside a polling station and a man was badly hurt in a fight in the far north region of Akkar, but there were no other

failed to make any significant

Observers reported a sharp drop

in electoral abuses after charges of

Last week, losing Christian opposition candidates demanded the resignation of President Elias Hrawi and Interior Minister Michel Murr, charging widespread abuses after supporters of

reports of violence. Lebanon region where opponents the pro-Syrian government won of the pro-Syrian government 32 of 35 seats in Mount Lebanon.

Meretz to call for special Knesset session on failure to redeploy in Hebron

MERETZ is working to collect signatures from 30 delay is due not to security factors, but rather to inter-

ment's failure to redeploy in Hebron. However, Meretz spokesman Yael Kessler said that since Meretz needs signatures from Labor to fill this quota, she doubts a completed list will be submitted until Labor is ready to call for a special session of its own on Syria. There would be no point in convening the Knesset twice, she explained.

Labor MK Haggai Merom asked his party to muster the signatures for a special session on Syria last week, but the faction decided not to make any decision on the issue until party leader Shimon Peres returns from

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said his party wants the special session because reliable sources have informed him that the government does not intend to redeploy in Hebron in the coming months. Sarid charged that this

MKs to force a special Knesset debate on the govern- nal pressures from some of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's coalition partners.

In another development, Zehava Gal-On, secretarygeneral of the Citizens' Rights Movement faction of Meretz, is advocating that her party increase its activities in the settlements, due to the 21% growth in support for Meretz over the Green Line in the last elections. Gal-On said the party increased from 671 votes in the territories in 1988 to 1,157 in 1992, and 1,400 in 1996. Gal-On said the party's main support is in the large secular settlements near the Green Line. In Ma'aleh Efraim, for instance, Meretz received 9.7% of the vote, which is more than its strength in the general

population (about 7.5%). However, she added, the party even received a few votes in "ideological" settlements. It got 21 votes in Kiryat Arba, for instance, and 15 in Karnei Shomron.

Beduin petition against resettlement plan

A MEMBER of the Jahalin Beduin tribe petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against the site the IDF chose as the **EVELYN GORDON**

tribe's new home. The Jahalin have been squatting



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for years on land which is now slated to become a new neighbor-

hood of Ma'ale Adumim. In May, the High Court upheld the army's right to evict the tribe conditional on their being provided with an alternative place to live - but gave the tribe a three-month grace period.

This grace period expires on Wednesday.

The petition, filed by attorney Linda Brayer, argues that the army has no right to transfer anyone from Area C - which under the Oslo accords is under Israel's control - to Area B, where the Palestinian Authority is responsible for civilian affairs, without the PA's consent. The tribe's old home is in Area C, while the new site, according to the petition, is in Area B.

The move is motivated, the petition charges, by the army's desire to perform ethnic cleansing in

According to the army, the new site is in Area C, due to changes that were made in the Oslo accord

However, the petition says, the army provided no proof of this assertion, and one of the army documents relating to the transfer indicates the contrary.

This document states that approval would be needed from the Joint Israeli-Palestinian Water Committee to set up a water system at the new site, and that this approval should be obtained via the PA. In Area C, no approval from the PA would be needed the petition notes.

The petition also charges that the new site is unfit for human habitation due to environmental pollution.

Labor leaders blast Netanyahu for 'stalemating peace process'

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR'S leadership yesterday commended President Ezer Weizman for agreeing to meet Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat, and blasted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for failing to do so.

Former foreign minister MK Ehud Barak said the "the prime minister is living in another world. Even MKs from his own party have a better grasp of reality than he has, and are demanding he meet Arafat. Netanyahu doesn't realize that empty slogans are simply not enough when they are not backed by actions."

Barak called on Netanyahu to "awaken the peace process from its deep freeze and meet Arafat. This is what he was elected for." He warned that the absence of policy and leadership undermine the state's security, noting that "in his refusal to meet Arafat, Netanyahu is not only hurting the Palestinian Authority, but first and foremost Israel's national

and security interests." The feeling that Netanyahu is try-

ing to sabotage the progress made with the Palestinians is so strong, continued Barak, that even President Weizman couldn't keep quiet anymore.

Barak warned both Netanyahn and Arafat not to heighten the con-frontation, urging both sides to "bring disagreements to the negotiating table.

Labor's response team welcomed Weizman's move. "Israel simply cannot afford Netanyahu's sulking and pouting games," said MK Dalia Itzik, head of the party's response team.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid recalled that Netanyahu had been extremely pleased with Weizman's statements in the past, "saying that the presi-dent was expressing the public's feelings and desires. Therefore we must now believe that the public's feelings require a meeting between Arafat and Netanyahu." Sarid added that "whoever wanted Weizman the way he was in the previous government's term, will get him the way he is during this government's term."

Driver killed avoiding dogs

A 34-year-old Beersheba woman was killed and five people were injured – including a month-old infant – in Beersheba yesterday when the woman hit a truck head-on. According to eyewitnesses, the woman had swerved into oncoming traffic to avoid hitting two dogs crossing the street. The

truck then hit a car in which a family was traveling.

In another incident, a man was seriously injured and a pregnant woman and young child were slightly hurt in a two-car collision near Yavne yesterday. A bicycle rider was also seriously injured yesterday evening, after being hit by a car at the Ganot interchange. On the Arava highway, a truck driver was slightly injured when his vehicle overturned yesterday morning, after he veered onto the shoulder and then tried to get back onto the road.

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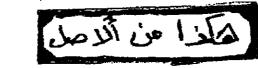
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THE Masorti movement has converted several Moslems to Judaism after the Chief Rabbinate indicated that it wanted nothing to do with them, according to Rabbi Einat Ramon, spokesperson of the movement.

Ramon said the latest group of 15 from Europe and Asia had participated in conversion classes held in Masorti congregations around the country before taking part in a ceremony at Kibbutz Hanaton. She said the participants. In another development, the ment even though they knew its conversions were not officially recognized by the state.

According to Rabbi Andrew Sacks, head of the movement's office for religious services, not only will the Rabbinate not deal with anyone who is Moslem, it

also refuses to deal with any prospective convert who is not

Meanwhile, the movement is waiting for the reply of the Interior Ministry as to why it has not registered as Jews the adopted infants converted at Kibbutz Hanaton last year.

Following a petition to the High Court of Justice, the court gave the ministry until August 31 to respond...

had gone to the Masorti move- Reform movement said yesterday that it was opening a conversion institute in Jerusalem. Anat Galili-Blum, spokesperson for the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said hundreds of potential converts were already participating in a similar institute in Tel Aviv.

Survey: Israelis prefer higher cigarette tax to higher health charges

NEARLY nine out of 10 Israelis including many smokers - would prefer that cigarette taxes be hiked instead of implementing the government's proposal to charge for a visit to a health fund doctor. According to a July survey conducted by the Admati Institute in Ramat Gan for the Health Ministry's Occupational Health Service - but not yet released by the ministry spokesman's office -raising cigarette taxes is a very popular proposal, as is either barring all smoking on flights to and from Israel or allowing smoking

on only a quarter of the flights. The survey of a representative national sample of 500 adults found that only 21 percent of the smokers preferred to pay for a visit to the health fund doctor over shelling out more money for cigarettes. As for smoking during airline flights, 27% of all those questioned said smoking should be completely barred in the plane. According to existing regulations, passengers on flights that take longer than two hours may light up in the smoking section (most flights to and from Israel are longer than this). A quarter voted for continuing the status quo, while 47% favored allowing smoking on only a quarter of the flights to a certain destination or drastically reducing the number of

A few weeks ago, the Israel Cancer Association and Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking filed a suit in the High Court of Justice on behalf of four El Al stewards; they asked for a temporary injunction against the transportation minister demanding that smoking be banned on all Israeli flights to and from the country. A 1994 law bars smoking in all workplaces, but only if they are located in buildings. The stewards said their occupations endangered their health.

Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi promised to support the stewards' demand for an injunction against Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy. A week ago, Hanegbi met with the Israel Public Forum Against Smoking and promised to take serious action to reduce smoking in Israel.

The minister has not yet decided whether to follow in the footsteps of President Bill Clinton, who last week instructed the US Food and Drug Administration to regard tobacco as an "addictive drug." This would allow legal restrictions on the sale of cigarettes to minors. barring cigarette dispensing machines, limiting sponsorship of entertainment events by tobacco companies and setting up a \$150 million no-smoking campaign among youths from tobacco taxes and cigarette advertising costs.



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Health Ministry checking for bacteria in fish ponds

THE Health Ministry is to conduct lab tests of fish ponds in the north to check for contaminated water believed to be responsible for the: serious illness of three people hos-

pitalized after eating fish. The ministry said the patients all suffer from chronic illnesses that weakened their immune system and the body's ability to fight off bacte-

ria from the fish. A 56-year-old resident of Upper Nazareth is in serious condition at Afula's Ha'emek Hospital after bacteria from pond fish caused gangrene in the palms of his hands. He is receiving intensive antibiotic therapy, and some of his fingers . will have to be amputated, doctors said. The man suffers from chronic liver disease, and the fish was apparently inadequately cooked. Police, who are investigating the

fish from a street stand near Moshav Nahalal.

Two other people were hospitalized in recent months with the same complaint, but the ministry did not issue a warning earlier in order not to cause panic.

The bacteria, of the genus Vibrio, are found in fish and seafood. Cooking fish well kills the microorpanisms and the toxins they produce, but if undercooked, they can quickly cause illness. Healthy people can recover from the symptoms (diamhea and fever) in a few days, but those with weakened immune systems may be threatened.

Doctors advise wearing gloves while cleaning fish. People with weak immune systems and chronic illness such as diabetes, cancer or liver disease should not handle raw fish, and any fish they eat should be illegally, warns vet

SEVENTY percent of the sheep and cattle slaughtered here every year, or 170,000 animals, are killed illegally in unsanitary and unsupervised conditions, chief veterinarian

Arnon Shirnshoni said yesterday. The problem is particularly prevalent among Arab communities in the North, but also includes Jewish slaughterhouses, Shimshoni told Agriculture Minister Rafael Enan.

The vast majority of meat eaten in Israel is imported.

Vets operating in the North discovered one such unsanitary oper-

They found that calves with seri-

ous infections were being sent from Tamra for slaughter in

70% of sheep and

cattle slaughtered

Shfaram. Shimshoni described this practice as "astonishing," and called for the establishment of a new slaughterhouse in the North, in an attempt to eradicate such maipractice.

Eitan said ministry staff must do their utmost to eliminate the prob-

He also instructed that a committee be set up to look at ways of tightening up health laws, operating licenses, sanitation and of offering belp and advice to the

If needs be, businesses will be closed down, reports will be filed with the police and infected cattle and sheep will be destroyed, Eitan said. He also approved Shimshoni's suggestion of the immediate construction of a new slaughtérhouse.

Judy Siegel adds: The Health Ministry emphasized that the 70 percent figure apparently referred to the meat slaughtered in unsupervised slaughterhouses.

and by other recognized suppliers comes under strict supervision. Meat slaughtered in Israel should not be purchased from unidentified sources. Restaurants with licenses from the local authorities and the Health Ministry supply meat that is legally slaughtered and supervised, the ministry noted.

Meat sold in the supermarkets

Court upholds prisoners' right to freedom of expression **EVELYN GORDON**

author a newspaper column, the High Court of Justice ruled yester-

incident, said the man bought the

day in a split decision. The court was ruling on the case of Avi Golan, who is currently serving 10.5 years for various counts of fraud, forgery and fleeing custody. In 1989, while in Ashkelon prison, Golan wrote a few pieces about prison life which a local paper in Ashdod accepted - though, accordng to the Prisons Service, without

its permission. Golan was later transferred to Ashmoret Prison and, in 1994, he asked permission to submit similar pieces to a local Netanya paper. The Prisons Service refused and the Tel Aviv District Court, to whom Golan appealed, upheld this decision. Golan then

petitioned the High Count. Golan, represented by Association for Civil Rights in Israel, argued that the Prisons Service's decision violated both his

freedom of expression and his freedom of occupation. The Prisons Service responded that it had a general policy of preventing contact between prisoners and the press. except in special cases, because such contact gave the prisoners

enormous power among both war-

dens and fellow prisoners.

Furthermore, Golan had proven that

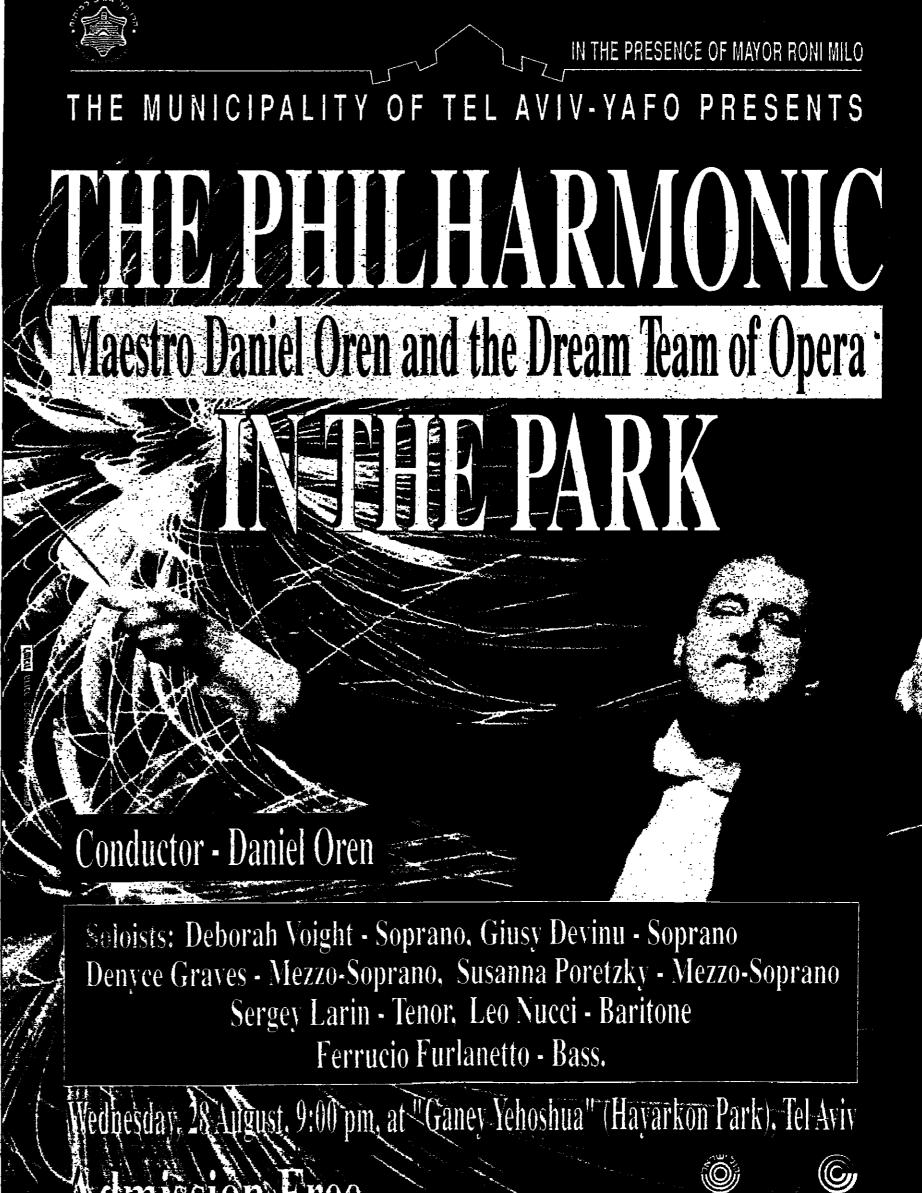
he could not be trusted to report the

truth; some of his previous pieces spread damaging lies, the service

Golan responded that he would restrict his pieces only to his personal experiences, and would allow the service to censor them before submitting them, but the Prisons Service rejected this offer, saying it was not equipped to perform this task. Justices Eliahu Mazza and Dalia Domer, with Mishael Cheshin dissenting, accepted the petition.

Freedom of expression is a funda-mental right, which even prisoners must enjoy, they said. This right can be limited by prison necessities, such as security needs or the protection of other prisoners, they continued, but limitations on such a fundamental right should be imposed only

in cases of dire necessity. In this case, the justices said, there is certainly nothing wrong with a prisoner writing about his experiences for the press.



Fate of Chechnya peace talks uncertain as rebels attack

RUSSIA'S Alexander Lebed interrupted peace talks with Chechen rebel leaders yesterday, casting doubt on the future of a political agreement they discussed to end the 20-

month war. The fate of an earlier cease-fire accord signed by Lebed and separatist commanders also appeared uncertain, with the Russians citing truce violations and a top commander refusing to meet with his Chechen counterpart.

But Lebed, who returned to Moscow from Chechnya yestrday, insisted the peace process was on

"The peace process is in motion," he told Associated Press Television. "The joint patrols are working, local commanders have started to withdraw troops. And on the 29th the real withdrawal will

In Grozny, however, Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov refused to meet with the rebel chief of staff Aslan Maskhadov, saying will not "play cat and mouse" following a

rebel attack on a Russian convoy. There were no casualties, but the rebels forced 58 servicemen to disarm, the Russian military command said. Tikhomirov demanded that all the weapons be returned

GROZNY

Russian officers said they will halt the withdrawal of troops from the Chechen capital over the inci-dent, the Interfax news agency

Chechen and Russian units were supposed to start pulling out of Grozny yesterday according to last week's truce. Next week, the Russians are to leave several southern regions and, eventually, Chechnya altogether.

The rebels said the attack was a "provocation" by a fringe group and Maskhadov repeatedly pledged to return the weapons. Lebed described the incident as "misunderstanding," but said it was of a principal character.

"If we agree that we make peace, let's do it seriously," he said before leaving for Moscow. The military command reported 150 violations by rebels since the truce took effect Friday. A Russian serviceman was killed and two were wounded in Grozny overnight, and six troops were seized by rebels yesterday in

southern Chechnya, it said. Despite the disagreements, joint Russian-Chechen patrols set up but none turned up before his planned meeting with Maskhadov under the truce patrolled the devastated Grozny yesterday, guard-

French free 50 Africans held by police

ing key intersections and other locations. Rebel members of the patrols were jubilant, but the Russians seemed subdued.

"I understand these Chechens. They're fighting for their homeland and their homes. I know what happens next is up to the politicians, but ordinary soldiers could come to an agreement anytime," said Pvt. Fyodor Cherepkov, a Russian soldier.

"It's strange to be standing next to Chechen fighters, but I want to go home. My mother and my girl-friend are waiting for me," he

Grozny was quiet, and hundreds of refugees were returning, riding in buses and trucks or walking.

Russian army medics recovered bodies of dead soldiers in the city center, digging corpses out of the rubble around the buildings where Russian forces had been surrounded for more than two weeks after the rebels captured Grozny in early August.

Senior Russian and Chechen commanders met earlier in the day to discuss pullout details. Some groups of Chechen fight-

ers were seen leaving the city yesterday, but it was not clear if they were heading home on their own initiative or withdrawing under the terms of the agreement.



South Koreans, willing to wait for days, camp outside the criminal courthouse in Seoul as they attempt to gain admission to the final day of the trial of former presidents Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo. The verdict and sentencing are due to take place today and competition for a seat in the courtroom is extremely fierce.

South Africans still waiting to hear from the 'enforcers' of apartheid

PARIS (Reuter) - About 50 Africans seized in a raid on a Paris church, including hunger strikers, were released yesterday after a string of court victories over detention orders and a police about-turn.

The releases meant only a fraction of the 210 people arrested in the Saint-Bernard church on Friday, when the 10 hunger strikers were in the 50th day of a fast against French expulsion orders and strict immigration laws, were still in detention.

Despite the releases, many of the Africans still face the threat of expulsion. Most of the Africans are from Mali, Senegal and Zaire.

Six hunger strikers, looking drawn and tired but smiling and able to walk unaided, were released from the Vincennes detention centre east of Paris yesterday after police decided not to seek an extension of their custody in a change of policy.

Supporters cheered as they walked free.

Another three of the hunger strikers were released from hospital and a 10th had been quietly released on Saturday night, police said. Police said they planned to grant just one of the 10 a residence permit and expel and refused to handle it.

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Earlier, about 40 Africans were freed from the Vincennes detention centre on the eastern edge of Paris after a civil court ruled police had made errors in custody orders, including unauthorised signatures on doc-

They embraced friends and relatives as they left, celebrating rulings that were an embarrassment to the centre-right government.

The court that freed the 40 agreed to extend detention for only 13 other Africans. A separate court sentenced three people to jail for up to three months, with

another four people getting suspended prison terms. Four of the Africans were deported on Saturday night on a plane that flew to Mali, Senegal and Zaire as Prime Minister Alain Juppe sought to balance a crackdown on illegal immigration with a promise of greater

Airport staff in Mali dubbed the French military plane carrying the deportees, who included another 53 facing previous expulsion orders, a "flight of shame"

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - South Africa's truth commission begins issuing subpoenas this week in a bid to dig beneath the political rationales and find the sinister figures who have the blood of the country's race war on their hands. Leaders of the major parties involved, from

right-wing whites to radical blacks, appeared before Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission last week to paint the broad picture of their actions for or against

Most, including former president F.W. de Klerk and ANC deputy president Thabo Mbeki, offered apologies for mistakes they had made and accepted broad responsibility for But none named those guilty of ordering or

carrying out any of the gross violations of human rights which Tutu is investigating. "I don't think one should have expected more than what one got," said human rights lawyer

Brian Currin. "That was not the amnesty committee where perpetrators are expected to open their hearts and souls and to tell it all."

The commission, which has the power to grant amnesty to those who confess to abuses, has begun hearing testimony from people already in jail. But others, such as self-confessed secret police hit-squad leader Dirk Coetzee, have yet to testify.

Tutu's deputy chairman, Alex Boraine, told reporters the commission would begin issuing subpoenas to suspects who refused to appear voluntarily some time this week. He added that former hardline apartheid president P.W. Botha could be among those called.

But Currin, who is advising several people regarded as perpetrators, said this was not the best way to achieve the commission's aims.

"A person can be forced to appear, but the only way one is going to get to the truth in its totality is if people feel it is a good idea to go to the amnesty committee. At the moment this is not the case."

He cited Coetzee, who was charged with murder after confessing in media interviews to dirty tricks. His trial is due to start in December but the truth commission intends to decide on

Currin said the law had to be changed so all judicial prosecutions were automatically suspended for those who approached the truth

Last week's submissions to the commission by the ANC, de Klerk's National Party and the right-wing Freedom Front of General Constand Viljoen left many South Africans unsatisfied. Political scientist Jannie Gagiano said he doubted the National Party, which implemented apartheid in 1948 and began dismantling it in 1990, felt a burden of guilt

Therefore I have some doubts about achieving some form of reconciliation. One has to feel a bit guilty to feel the need for reconciling yourself to a historical adversary," he said.
Professor Tom Lodge of the University of the Witwatersrand demurred, saying:

"In the irritation, in the jokes, in the anger that white South Africans express about the commission, I think there's a moral uneasiness. and I think that's healthy. Responsibility is percolating downwards."

Former British minister slams Clinton over Ulster peace bid LONDON - A former British min- Clinton had abused his power in toral triumph."

ister accused President Bill Clinton yesterday, the eve of the US Democratic convention, of exploiting the Northern Ireland peace process and putting votes

Michael Mates, a member of the ruling Conservatives who served as Britain's Northern Ireland minister from 1992 to 1993, said much-needed diplomatic and elec-

from around the world.

animals, fish and plants.

Tour guide: Yoni Shapiro

the hopes of turning American-Irish sympathies into votes for himself in the November election.

"To the people of Northern Ireland the failure of the terrorists to end their evil trade is a continuing tragedy," Mates wrote in the Mail on Sunday newspaper. "To Clinton it is an opportunity for a

Mates, 62, who resigned as Northern Ireland minister amid controversy over his support for fugitive businessman Asil Nadir. accused Clinton of seeking the credit for the Anglo-Irish peace initiative in Northern Ireland.

He said the president would urge British Prime Minister John Major to allow Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, to take part in "all-party" peace talks when they resume next month.

The IRA, which favors a united Ireland, has fought a quarter-cenmry battle to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein has been banned from the talks until the IRA reinstates a 17-month ceasefire which it ended in February with a huge bomb blast in the Docklands area of east London. This was the first of a series of bombs on the British (Agencies)

Indian troops battle to save Hindu pilgrims

SRINAGAR - Indian troops with helicopters and relief supplies battled yesterday to rescue thousands of Hindu pilgrims stranded along a rugged Himalayan trail after at least 116 died from cold, officials said.

Up to 70,000 pilgrims were stranded for a fourth day at heights of up to 3,700 meters in Jammu and Kashmir state, the officials said. They were all reported to be safe.

For the first time in four days the weather improved yesterday, allowing stepped up efforts to rescue pilgrims who included naked "sadhus", or Hindu holy men smeared only in ash.

"The weather is improving. That is a silver lining," state

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d. Parties interested in participating in the tender are requested to submit their tenders in two copies on the forms provided in the

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government spokesman K.B. Jandial said in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital. "At least 116 yatris (pilgrims) have died so far," he said.

The United News of India put the death toll, resulting from high monsoon rains, snow and sub-zero temperatures, at 133. Officials said some 112.000

Hindus had arrived in Kashmir this year to visit the holy Amarnath cave, where devotees worship an ice stalagmite believed to be a manifestation of the "lingam", or phallus, of the

Hindu God Shiva. Two army helicopters flew about 60 pilgrims suffering from breathing trouble and other coldrelated ailments to a Srinagar hospital yesterday, officials said.

The helicopters also dropped food, medicine and blankets to help some 3,000 people on a thickly-forested part of the route near the frozen Sheshnag lake, 60 km from Srinagar.

(Agencies)

(Continued from Page 1) Speaking at a press briefing after the meeting with Netanyahu, Weizman denied that he had given the prime minister "an ultimatum" and conceded that "it is the prime minister who directs foreign policy." Weizman discounted reports of tension between them, describing relations with Netanyahu as "excel-

Netanyahu, for his part, said he "very much appreciated the president's experience" with regard to the peace process, but stressed that it was the government that decided on foreign policy.
"We shall continue with the

(Continued form Page 1)

All religions pray for Mother Teresa CALCUTTA (AP) - Hindu and

Christian priests, Buddhist monks and Moslem clerics prayed in harmony yesterday for the world's champion of the poor, Mother Teresa, the frail Catholic nun struggling for her life.

Her personal physician said she was responding to treatment, but was in serious condition.

She was admitted to the Woodlands Nursing Home on Aug. 20 with a high fever brought on by malaria. Doctors say the fever aggravated her existing cardiac troubles and triggered three heart failures since Thursday.

She was put on a respirator to treat her heart condition, but the ailing nun had developed a lung infection from prolonged use of the ventilator.

The infection is still in her lungs," said Dr. A.K. Bardhan, the nun's physician. "She's not out of

Inside her stark, white, intensive care unit room. Mother Teresa lay

tiny in a large bed. Looking pale and weakened by her illness, she mus-

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peace process," Netanyahu said. "But we received a mandate from the public to do things properly... We are working according to a

schedule based on reciprocity and

mutuality." The meeting followed a letter from Arafat to Weizman on Tuesday, in which the Palestinian leader reportedly outlined the difficulties in the territories, and appealed to Weizman to arrange some form of talks.

He expected to meet Arafat "probably before 1996 is out" at his Caesarea home, he said, explaining that the location had

tered the strength yesterday to bless a group of six nuns visiting from her Missionaries of Charity order.

"She blessed some of the sisters of Missionaries of Charity who were allowed to see her in the evening," Dr S.K. Sen, medical director of Woodlands Nursing Home, told reporters. "She blessed them by raising her hand gently." Sen said the nuns were allowed to

visit the renowned founder of their 47-year-old Roman Catholic order after doctors had noticed a slight improvement in her condition. Mother Teresa, who turns 86

tomorrow, has been under roundthe-clock medical supervision as her team of six doctors became increasingly concerned her lung infection could develop into pneumonia. Doctors had hoped to remove the

respirator but decided against it when her condition persisted. "She still needs respiratory sup-

port," said a medical bulletin issued yesterday. The medical bulletin said the Nobel Peace Prize laureate still had a low-grade fever.

been chosen because "there is a landing pad there for [the Palestinian leader's] helicopter." Asked whether the Palestinian decision to close PA offices in Jerusalem could push forward a meeting between him and Arafat, Netanyahu said that he would first have to see whether the offices had indeed been shut down. But a government source said afterward that the move which was personally ordered by Arafat - was viewed by Netanyahu as "very favorable" and an indication of the government's success in dealing with the

PARIS -

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa yesterday blamed Israel for freezing the peace process. He said Egypt's policy had been to give Netanyahu's new government time to assess the peace process and set its policies. But he added that "until now, the Israeli policies have not moved. This in turn has frozen the

peace process,

Gabi Kadosh

Under the rubric of "regional developments," the three officials in Paris are likely to discuss the Palestinian and Syrian tracks. The last time Gold and Ross met

was earlier this month in Washington, when Gold conveyed Israel's written request to the US to convene the Israel-Syria peace talks at Wye Plantation, in Maryland. Those talks have been suspended since late February. Syria has yet to officially respond

to the Israeli request, although Syrian officials have rejected the notion of Lebanon First." Subsequently, Netanyahu and Levy both modified their approach, indicating that Israel is willing to discuss Lebanon and the Golan Heights simultaneously.

OFFICES

(Continued from Page 1) Jerusalem being a united city, it must invest more in helping the city's Arab residents.

Olmert noted that he had presented the previous government the demands for more funding. but the badly needed allocations

were never made. The matter of the PA offices in eastern Jerusalem was also discussed by the committee, with security officials saying the believed the PA indeed intended to close down the offices. Jon Immanuel contributed to

this report

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'I'm insane' says pop's little diva

EMILY HAUSER

ER hair color has ranged from raven to orange; she often sports fashions better suited to The X-Files than a concert stage; she has been seen running through deep woods, pursued by a giant teddy-bear. This, then, is

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Thirty-year old dance diva Bjork Gudmundsdottir hails from Iceland which alone is enough to make her stand out in the international

But Bjork has a lot more than simple eccentricity of taste and unusual roots going for her on that score, as anyone who saw her perform here last year can attest. Those who plan to attend her two local concerts this year (tonight in Caesarea and Wednesday in Jerusalem) will no doubt discover the same.

Flinging her growly soprano all over her songs, Bjork brings a huge presence to the world of dancepop. Even in her own scene, she is decidedly Different. Bjork has introduced harps, trumpets and intelligent lyrics to a genre better known for its thumpa-thumpa sound than any aspiration to seri-

ous musicianship.

The video clips made to accompany her songs tend to be surrealistic art-films (hence the giant teddybear in the woods), rather than the standard-issue computer-generated flashes of light and color typical of most dance clips.

And, having recently predicted in the press that the turn of the century will see a sudden upsurge in chamber music, one of Bjork's next projects is a collaboration with classical conductor Kent Nagano. This woman is not your typical

IT ALL began for Bjork many,

recording at the tender age of 11, releasing a cover album of lcelandic standards. Her adolescence saw Bjork forming and leaving various bands, ending up in the highly-acclaimed and yet little-

known Sugarcubes (or "Sykurmolamir" if you prefer the Icelandic original) – band members joke that each of their three albums sold three copies each.

Thus, when Bjork released her first international solo effort, Debut, in 1993, she was in for a surprise: the 2.5 million copies it has sold in the meantime was a wee bit more than what she was used to. Three years, and a second very

successful album (Post) later, Bjork still seems a little shocked by the turn her life has taken. "If I think about it," she told the British music weekly NME in July, "I have to call the ambulance because I am This unlikely turn of phrase

brings up another important aspect of Bjork's talent: being a nonnative speaker of English, her lyrics and tone are sometimes blessed with a freshness than only an outsider can bring. In "Army of Me." Bjork sings her anger: "You're alright, there's nothing wrong, self-sufficience please!"; in "Possibly Maybe," she croons: Your flirt finds me out, teases the crack in me, smittens me with hope." Her very accent will often endow a phrase with unexpected

As often happens with wildly successful international stars who manage to tap into real human emotion, Bjork has a huge fan base, many of whom believe she "knows" them: "I think that most people with a microphone get people that identify with them and tell



Not your typical clubber, Bjork has introduced harps, trumpets and intelligent lyrics to a genre not particularly known for its serious musicianship.

speech," she said in 1993.

This is not a thing that Bjork encourages, however: "At the end of the day, it's got nothing to do with me, because this is the job I've

And if you're tempted to try to approach her anyway, tread lightly: one Norwegian man who was loud and rude and then apologized and asked for an autograph found him-self standing by and watching the IT ALL began for Bjork many, them personal things just because star chew up and swallow both his many years ago. She started they've got some freedom of paper and his pen – and then wash

it all down with his bottle of beer. Then there was the journalist who approached Bjork's 10-yearold son at an airport last year - and got her head bashed into the floor by the diminutive singer. Knowing this, one begins to realize that the British press had more in mind than

Iceland's most famous citizen. Yet, all the truly interesting artists have something other-worldly to them. While it would be nice if all

weird hair color when it bestowed

the nickname "Bjonkers" on

performers could always be gracious about the fact that constant

So love her if you want to, follow

public exposure is part of the game, they can be forgiven their quirks if their body of work is worthwhile. In Bjork's case, the artist's oddities are an integral part of what makes her good and can she really be blamed for trying to protect her son's privacy?

her every move if you will - but keep your distance when soliciting

the unresolved state of their love

Like a relationship stuck too

We can't help feeling for the women in the film (besides Britton, who is lovely, the movie features the appealingly real Maxine Bahns, Shari Albert and Jennifer Jostyn) who just want something, anything to happen. The brothers are all talk, though. They don't even seem to enjoy their relative freedom, so intent

A tribute to the 'king of cantors'

Herstik will help pay tribute to one of the greatest cantors of all times, Yosele Rosenblat. In the concert, which takes place at the Noga Theatre in Jaffa, Herstik will showcase both his own versatile artistry and that of the legendary Rosenblat.

A week before the concert Herstik speaks with enthusiasm about Rosenblat, the man and the artist. "He was undoubtedly the king of cantors. He was popular all over the world and the directors of Hollywood film companies tried to lure him into the film industry too. Everybody adored him. Charlie Chaplin said he listened to Rosenblat's records and Caruso was a great admirer." Rosenblat himself was a rather

short hasidic Jew with a beard. "Apparently he was not something to look at but his voice was amazing. He managed to bring in all the emotions of the Jews of the time into his singing." Rosenblat was not only a cantor but also a composer. "I always refer to him as the Jewish Mozart. He has left numerous works after him, both liturgical works and many Jewish folk songs."
Rosenblat began his career as a

cantor in Europe and eventually became the chief cantor of Hamburg still before the first world war. "It is kind of absurd to think that this hasidic Jew was the chief cantor in that very German city of Hamburg. And during his time there he was very much a absorbed by the western music he heard there. It is very easy to trace in the music he composed at the time very clear influences from Donizetti and Bellini and occasionally even Wagner."

Rosenblat eventually moved to the USA where he made his fame as cantor and concert performer alike. He was very popular in pre-statehood Israel, too, where he gave many concerts.

In 1933 he came to Israel to participate in a JNF promotional film. They were filming at the Dead Sea and suddenly he began to feel bad. A few days later he died in Jerusalem. During his funeral all stores in the city shut down and the Kook, attended as well and even spoke at the graveside."

Rosenblat enjoyed astronomic fees for his concerts; no one was paid better in the field at the time, concert stage and not in synabut he did not spend his money on the pleasures of life. "He used to a lot of mor After the first world war he gave the proceedings from many concerts and records to the Jewish

orphans of the war." Herstik says that "it is impossible to imagine today's cantorial world without Rosenblat's influence. His style, his very special modulations and coloraturas were very special to him but they are all still with us. And he was the first to bring the audience into the works, asking for their participation in each and every one of the works he wrote."

HIS Thursday Naftali ROSENBLAT WAS a child prodigy who began touring with his father when he was 8.

Herstik made his debut at an even younger age. "I made my first solo in synagogue when I was four years and half," he recalls. "We have generations of cantors in our family, we go back almost 300 years ago to Frankfurt." He himself was born in Hungary and immigrated with his family to Israel when he was four. His two younger brothers, Haim Eliezer and Natan, are also cantors. "Obviously we had it in our genes. But it was more than that. Our father worked very hard with us. He devoted a lot of time to teaching us singing and becoming cantors."

Today Herstik is the chief cantor of the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem, a post he has been holding for almost two decades. And he also performs in concerts with the synagogue's choir in various places around the world. "Our most recent concert with the choir was the Mozarteum in Salzburg. And we were immediately asked to return next year for a series of 15 concerts there." Herstik is also the artistic director of the Tel Aviv Institute of Cantorial Music.

Naftali Herstik has about ten records and discs to his credit and his concerts, which are not strictly cantorial and are in demand all over the world. And although he did have more than occasional offers to sing opera on a regular basis, he decided to decline and never regrets it. "A cantor is not just someone who sings beautifully in synagogue. He is a 'sheliach zibur', he has a responsibility to the community, he mediates, between the congregation and God. And this does not go with opera. Can you imagine me one night singing the duke in Rigoletto and in the first scene making love to the women in court and then the following night praying in syna-gogue? The two simply don't go hand in hand together."

Those who would like to hear Herstik sing can do so first and foremost in his synagogue in Jerusalem, where he is in charge of the Friday evening and Saturday services. Other than that there are chief rabbi at the time, Rabbi his recordings and then the occasional concerts at home and the not so occasional ones abroad.

These days the works of Yosele Rosenblat are heard mostly on the gogues. This Thursday's event, the proceedings of which go to the Institute for Child Development at the Pediatric Neurology Unit of the Sourasky Medical Centre in Tel Aviv, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, showcases aside from Herstik Haim Adler, Benyamin Miller and Robert Bloch. The concert also features the various styles of Rosenblat. "We will all sing his own works as well as works he used to perform. It will be a combination of cantorial music, Yiddish songs and classical music, the best of what Rosenblat himself used to do."

gons pray her Teres

Boring brothers leave their women waiting THE BROTHERS

MCMULLEN **★★1/2**

Written and directed by Edward Burns.

Edward Burns Mike McGlone .Comie Britton.

DWARD Burns's The Brothers McMullen is a **⊿**semi-autobiographical, ultra-low budget romantic comedy about three Irish-American siblings who live on Long Island. drink lots of beer and talk incessantly about their reluctance to

T must have been love. Only

the insanely adoring would go the insancty anothing in of an out in the midday sun of an

The crowd of about 200 fans

stood pressed against security bar-riers waiting for the arrival of

Clooney, who plays thank hunk pediatrician Dr. Doug Ross in the

hit TV series ER, was in Israel to

promote the international restau-

rant chain Planet Hollywood of

which he is a new partner (togeth-

er with Arnold Schwarzenegger,

Bruce Willis, Demi Moore and

But the fans didn't care whether

the flesh, the person who last

week was voted "the sexiest man

tered Tali, a shy 16-year-old who

He did look very kissable in his

green T-shirt and black jeans, his

short-cropped gray hair and his

"I just want to kiss him," mut-

August afternoon in Tel Aviv.

actor George Clooney.

to hype his next movie. All they wanted was to see close.

had come to see her idol.

commit fully to a relationship. Jack (Jack Mulcahy), the eldest, is a sturdy, thirtysomething basketball coach who panics when his wonderful wife, Molly (Connie or take his big brother Barry's until this point, he immediately begins an affair with his brother's racy ex-girlfriend.

The middle brother, Barry (Edward Burns), is a wise-guy screenwriter who makes no bones of his refusal to become too seriously involved with any one woman. As soon as a relationship starts heating up, he breaks it off - clean and simple. Just out of college, Patrick (Mike McGlone), the baby of the family, earnestly ponders whether he should move in with his spoiled Jewish girlfriend

filming 'Peacemaker' with Nicole

Kidman) and his grueling sched-

ule (Mondays to Thursdays mak-

ing ER for TV; Friday, Saturday

and Sunday on film sets) he

seemed good-humored and at ease

ER, Clooney, the son of veteran newsman Nick Clooney and

nephew of singer Rosemary

Clooney, has played as the factory

manager in Roseanne, and as

His career is now heading from

the small screen to the big one. He

has done a love scene with

Michelle Pfeiffer (he described the

work, tongue-in-cheekily, as "not

bad, huh?"), he has worked with

supermodel Elle Macpherson, and

he will soon be taking over as the

next Batman, in which Arnold

Schwarzenegger plays the bad guy

Of any rivalry there might be

between Arnie and Clooney, the

sexiest man in America jokes that

Schwarzenegger is running

Apart from his popular role in

in front of his fans.

Falconer in Sisters.

Mr. Freeze.

ADINA HOFFMAN

Britton), announces she's ready to advice and dump her. Patrick start having kids; perfectly faithful spends most of the film agonizing about what to do and justifying his typical young man's doubts in grand theological terms.

His reticence, he claims, is based on his deep Catholic faith and deep Catholic guilt. As unmarried lovers, they'd be living

With its quiet concern for character, modest settings and real-life situations, The Brothers McMullendefinitely has its heart in the right place, which is probably the reason that such a small picture by an unknown director

sexiest man in America' wows his fans

including the prestigious Sundance Festival prize for best independent film of 1995. Burns's movie is wholesome without example, from the typical neonoir fare cranked out by so many other aspiring young directors. There's not a single gun in the film, and all the sex that takes

place is either safe or procreative. That said, The Brothers McMullen is still a drag: an hour and a half of awkwardly shot, improbably stilted rap sessions, lifted straight from the "lifestyle" pages of the weekend newspaper. For a bunch of guys who don't want to commit, the McMullen brothers sure do like to yack about

lives. In fact, that's all that they do, and it's excruciating to sit through,

being prissy, and hip without long at the what-do-we-do-now around and around, asking the same dull questions repeatedly and over-explicitly.

are they on the dry dissection of

Shoah footage up for Emmys

URVIVORS of the Holo-caust, a moving 70-minute Odocumentary which has its roots in the success of Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List, has been nominated for three Emmy awards, including the newly established President's award.

The documentary combines historic footage of the 1930s and '40s with personal testimonies of survivors, a behind-the-scenes tour conducted by Ben Kingsley of the Shoah Visual History Foundation in Los Angeles, and an interview with

Spielberg.
Parts of the documentary have already aired here on CNN. The President's award, estab-

lished by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, will be presented for the first time at the Emmy Awards ceremony on September 8 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

It honors a program that "best explores social, educational or medical issues and encourages and promotes changes that help society become familiar with and effectively meet the challenge." In addition, Survivors of the

Holocoust received nominations in the categories of Outstanding Informational Special and Outstanding Individual Achievement/Informational Programming/Picture Editing for directoreditor Allan Holzman.

Producers of the documentary are the foundation's founding directors, June Beallor and James Moll, in association with Turner Original Productions.

The goal of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, established by Spielberg two years ago, is to create a permanent videotape library of survivor testimonies.

The rationale for embarking on the project, Spielberg explained at the time, could be found in the steady stream of survivors who approached him during and after the filming of Schindler's List.

They came up to me and said, 'Let me tell you my story,""
Spielberg noted. "But what they LOS ANGELES

were really saying was, 'Let me tell a camera, let me tell my story to history."

So far, the foundation has videotaped interviews with 19,000 survivors, and, in a race against time, expects to raise the number to

Survivors are requested to contact

the foundation by phoning (800) 661-2092 in the United States and Canada, or by writing to Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, P.O. Box 3168, Los Angeles, CA 90078-3168. Alternatively, they can wait until filming gets under way in Israel for more information.



long-lashed brown eyes with the "It feels good to be the next smile-crinkles at the corners. Batman. At the end I get to beat the hell out of Arnold But probably what has earned him the title of sexiest man is his Schwarzenegger. I'm gonna kick Try this for size: US actor George Clooney (left) helps local celeb down-to-earth, self-deprecating his butt," Clooney mock-threatsurrounding his flying visit (just three hours in Israel flowers) Oded Menashe into an 'ER' costume.

"You can't see in this T-shirt but OFFICE DITVATE Planet Hollywood jet from Macedonia, where he is currently I'm better built than he is." As part of the restaurant promo-tion, Clooney presented the white Planet Hollywood. But few of the hero.

Margaux Hemingway: Like grandfather, like granddaughter

Hemingway's body was found by friends sprawled on her bed in her Santa Monica apartment on July 1, just one day short of the 35th

Hemingway, who gained fame first as a supersuch films as Lipstick and Killer Fish. She had a well-publicized bout with alcoholism after a near-fatal skiing accident and also battled bulim-

Her agent, Graham Kaye, told KNBC television in Los Angeles, "Whatever demons she was fighting are over now and it's just time to let her rest." Hemingway's body was cremated and services were held in July in her hometown of

anniversary of her famous grandfather's suicide. literary great Ernest Hemingway died of "acute It was not clear exactly when she died as the friends went to the home after she had not been Carrier said Hemingway apparently did not have a doctor's prescription for phenobarbital Ketchum, Idaho. seen for two days.

iast week. Coroner's spokesman Scott Carrier told a news conference that the 41-year-old granddaughter of bhenobarbital intoxication."

Hemingway, who was found dead last month, committed suicide by taking an

overdose of the sedative phenobarbital, the Los

Angeles County Coroner's Office announced

ODEL and actress Margaux and investigators were trying to determine where Hemingway, who was found dead last she obtained it in such large amounts. The announcement followed six weeks of toxicological tests after the initial autopsy failed to reveal the cause of death.

model for perfume, later worked as an actress in ia. In addition, she had a history of epilepsy.

coat, stethoscope and hospital fans were paying attention. All

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Another cave-in

AST week's decision to permanently shelve plans to establish a National Security Council is an additional link in a chain of failures on the part of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahuand his attempts to forge a new status as Israel's first directly elected prime minister.

Had Netanyahu even succeeded in partially implementing the grandiose restructuring of the Prime Minister's Office that he and his self-confident staff promised in the government's first week, it would have meant a true revolution in the nation's political balance of power. Not surprisingly for an American-educated prime minister, many of the proposed sub-divisions for the newly structured Prime Minister's Office - such as a Council of Economic Advisers, Office of Budget Management, National Security Council were lifted straight from the White House. Indeed, it was clear that Netanyahu intended on completing the reform effected by the direct election of the prime minister with the establishment of an Israeli White House in

As any first year student of politics could have predicted, the proposed restructuring of the Prime Minister's Office was met by stiff opposition from a number of entrenched interests, ranging from cabinet ministers and the Bank of Israel to the civil service and trade unions. Israel's political culture is still fundamentally parliamentarian, not an Americanstyle presidential system. Netanyahu received his first sobering lesson in the workings of Israeli democracy when he discovered he was unable to appoint the people he really wanted as ministers in his cabinet. The Knesset then gave him another refresher course when it scuttled his government's first major piece of legislation, the so-called Norwegian Law.

Even granting the fact that realistically speaking, there is only so much change any political system can undergo in a short period of time, the government's quick abandonment of virtually all of its grand plans - most of which were worthy of at least some serious consideration- puts into question the extent to which the prime minister is willing to dig in over an issue of principle. This lack of clear direction and resolve, in sharp contrast with the promises granted at the outset, can have wide-ranging effects.

For example, there are indications that the government's backtracking on economic

Sir, - In a desperate attempt to

reassure themselves that their posi-

tion in America is secure, certain

American Jewish notables have be-

gun to publicly suggest various long-range "solutions" to the Pol-

lard case - solutions that allow them

to forestall facing the truth for as

long as possible and save them from

dealing with the equal justice issue

For example: speaking in Jerusa-

lem recently, the Jewish special as-

sistant to a prominent American sen-

ator tried to promote the spurious

argument that "in turning down

Jonathan Pollard's request for com-

mutation, President Clinton left the

door open for parole." Nothing

No parole board in America has

the legal authority to mitigate the

both the constitutional right and the

constitutional responsibility to ar-

COUNTERPRODUCTIVE

scending, patronizing tone ("Scared of the 'stranger'," August 9) is counterproductive. Dore Gold and

his fellow Americans are not the

only olim to have come of their free

will. Britons (proportionately many

more than Americans), Frenchmen,

Dutch, Swiss and Scandinavians too

gave up a higher standard of life.

will not try to make out that they are

superior. Mr. Gold's ancestors did

not sail to America in the Mayflow-

er. Neither did Mr. Gold and his

fellow countrymen come here to be

with a bunch of illiterate savages.

Tens of thousands of us came with

degrees awarded by universities

founded long before the Mayflower,

and there are thousands who speak

and write Arabic and are trained as

experts on the region in which we

on TV and read his views expressed

in your paper before his appoint-

ment to his present post. His super-

cilious, arrogant manner did not

help to endear him to those who

believe in and wish for a peaceful new Middle East. He certainly does

not scare us.

DR. ELIZABETH E. EPPLER

We have seen and heard Dr. Gold

Unlike Americans, however, they

Sir, - Michael Oren's conde-

could be further from the truth!

head on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

issues in recent weeks, after its strong initial budget-cutting decisions, is unsettling the business community and the markets, who are always averse to uncertainty. The implementation of promises of large-scale privatization is nowhere in sight. The government has already stated it will not privatize the Ports Authority after workers there demonstrated against such a move and talk of privatizing the electronic media has ceased. Plans for establishing a Council of Economic Advisers and a Privatization Board have either been downscaled or shelved in the face of bureaucratic resistance. The Claridge-Arison group's pulling out of the Bank Hapoalim sale is only the latest market reaction to the lack of movement on the privatization front and concern in general as to the future of Israel's economy.

The decision not to establish a National Security Council is another example of Netanyahu's caving in to pressure, this time mainly from the Defence Ministry which feared that a new security body would diminish its role. The quiet expiration of the National Security Council before its creation came despite the central role that Netanyahu had slated for itas well as the fact that a number of respected experts, most notably the Agranat Commission over twenty years ago, have pointed to the critical role such a body could perform in providing long-range national security planning. Such a council, it was thought could also serve as an additional source of opinions on short-term risks that would be a complementary balance to both the Defence Ministry and the IDF. The appointment of Avraham Tamir as the prime minister's strategic adviser is certainly praiseworthy given Tamir's vast experience in security matters and negotiations, but his appointment alone cannot replace the establishment of a full-fledged security council.

It is customary to grant a new government 100 days of grace and it may be the case that the prime minister's staff still needs a crash course in the art of operating the Israeli political system. But even within a grace period a government is expected to at least set wheels in motion, without yielding major components of its stated plans at a rapid pace. A little more direction and resolve on the part of the government would go a long way towards improving its initial image, especially given that this government is yet to face major tests of its resolve on the grand stage of Middle East



Together is not better

Responding to news that opposition leader Shimon Peres has been holding talks with National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon about the possibility of forming a national unity government, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu stated that if Labor is interested in entering the coalition on the basis of the current coalition agreement, it is welcome. Clearly, he is not interested. Though his government is full of "kilkulim" (things that have gone wrong), Netanyahu apparently views these as preferable to having Peres breathing down his

What is surprising is that Peres is not only willing to publicly consider a non-existing option, but seems to believe that it is worth reaching out for. Any way you look at it, at this juncture a national unity government is the worst option from a Labor per-

spective. From Labor's viewpoint there are two basic things wrong with the current government: first of all, its personal make-up, and second, its ideological make-up. In terms of personal make-up one might focus on three of the original 17 ministers whom Netanyahu appointed to his government, who are one way or another in trouble with the law,

The first, former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, was allegedly involved, as a private attorney, in certain practices which might be border cases in terms of their legality, but certainly unsuitable for a man who is supposed to stand at the head of Israel's legal system. The second, Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan, is being questioned about using information illegally obtained from the Tsomet he wanted ousted from his

The third, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, was

he recent panic about the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

ly-motivated. To understand

what is happening, one should

study - in detail - the Bejski

Report into the 1983 bank

dominated by the big banks, with some help from the Manufacturers

Association, the Chambers of

Commerce, Histadrut enterprises

and kibbutzim. All these form part

of the Labor Party economic estab-

lishment and are led by people who

enjoy the party's trust. When the

banks collapsed in October 1983,

after using their status as invest-

ment advisers to promote sales of

their ordinary shares and systemat-

ically bloating their value, few

understood the bankers' motives.

In the last year of Yitzhak

Rabin's first government, 1976, the

Israeli public kept 44.6% of its total

liquid assets in the form of bonds -

overwhelmingly government bonds linked to the cost-of-living

index or the dollar. In 1977, the

Likud was voted into power for the

first time. Bonds previously financ-

ing the interests of a Labor govern-

ment could now be used to finance

By an amazing "coincidence,"

1977 also marked the beginning of

intensive "bank share regulation."

The banks promised to adjust the

market value of their shares to

assure investors yields well above

the rate of inflation and the return

on bonds. Between 1976 and 1982,

the proportion of the public's liq-

uid assets invested in bonds plum-meted from 44.6% to 18.2% while

the proportion of bank shares with-

in these assets rocketed from

10.2% to 44%! Most of the money

syphoned off from bonds to shares

was denied to the Likud govern-

ment and made available to the

various economic establishments

of the Labor party.

the needs of a Likud government.

Yet the reason was simple.

Israel's stock market was always

shares collapse.

is artificial and political-

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

reportedly indirectly involved in phonetapping during the 1993 municipal elections. True, most of the phones tapped were cellular ones, and a court of justice has ruled (in another case) that tapping cellular phones was not illegal at the time. Nevertheless, it is apparent that the phones of today's Tel Aviv mayor Ronni Milo, and of several of his aides, as well as of at least one of Kahalani's own colleagues (a Labor MK in the 13th Knesset) were tapped in Kahalani's service, even if not at his direct request.

Any way you look at it, at this juncture a national unity

government is the worst option from a Labor perspective

NETANYAHU WAS in a terrible hurry to present his government to the Knesset two and a half weeks after the elections, even though he had 45 days in which to complete the job. There is no doubt that had he acted more cautiously he could have avoided these particular pitfalls and several others. But he acted as he did at his own free will, and there is no reason why Labor should help him clear the mess, especially since he doesn't seem to want Labor's help.

In ideological terms the situation is simpler. Netanyahu ing obstacles on the road to rapid progress in the agreements with the Palestinians; and offering a "Lebanon First" solution instead

Politics at the bourse

of agreeing to talk with Syria about an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Perhaps he can. The only way to find out is letting him try his own way - not by trying to force him to adopt Labor's way, which he rejects. The same applies to the settlements in Judea and Samaria, laissez faire economics without taking social considerations into

account and several other issues. Netanyahu was elected by a clear majority of the Jews in this country, and a small majority of the overall population, and the majority deserves to get a taste of what it opted for. Only if the majority changes its mind will it be possible to go back to what was left off unfinished at the end of May. But despite the high price that Israel might have to pay, there are no short-cuts, and public opinion hasn't yet changed its mind.

In the meantime Labor has a lot

of work to do to put its own house

in order. First of all, a new leadership must be elected and installed, and under this new leadership the party's ideological positions and modus operandi must be seriously reviewed - not in the form of patchwork, but honestly and systematically. Secondly, all the debris of the old Histadrut must be swept away, and the shape of the new Histadrut finalized and filled with ideological and practical content. There are still too many Laborites who believe that Haim Ramon, rather than the previous Histadrut leadership, was responsible for the total collapse of the old system - as if the old system could somehow have continued to exist despite the corruption and financial insolvency.

All this is work that must be performed now. The only way Labor can do it is if it spends the foreseeable future in opposi-

The writer is a political scientist.

without relying on the recommendavery brief description of the Zionist tions of those persons or agencies Organization of America that ap-IDF computer, in order to settle believes he can bring peace to who may have vested interests. pears in the current American Jew-Israel while insulting Arafat; placaccounts with a member of Another such example appeared

in a recent oped article in The Jerusalem Post (August 21). The author, an attorney himself, is currently the editor of a prominent American Jewish publication. He suggested that President Clinton could "get the monkey off his back" (as if Clinton were the one suffering a long and harsh incarceration) by appointing "a respected non-partisan leam of three judges" to review the case. It is a sad commentary on the American justice system that for this American Jewish editor the description "respected and non-partisan" does not apply to the last team of federal judges that was appointed to

rive at an independent decision

hear Jonathan Pollard's last appeal. sheaf of negative recommendations Such "solutions" are not only from senior American officials that doomed to failure from the outset. make up Jonathan Pollard's parole file. No parole board is in the posibut also condemn Jonathan Pollard tion to override the combined to suffer many more years of harsh weight of the Justice, Intelligence incarceration while these notables and Defense Departments. Only the attempt to prove their point in vain. president of the United States has

ESTHER POLLARD

UNITY OF JERUSALEM

Sir, - Lord Jakobovits has publicly stated that the recent article in the London Sunday Telegraph was utterly dishonest, disreputable and a total distortion of his views. The Jerusalem Post report of July 29 by Douglas Davis, which quoted from the Telegraph, was therefore incorrect.

The President of the Board of Deputies, Eldred Tabachnik QC, had stated that he did not make the remarks reproduced in The Jerusalem Post. Bill Oakfield's heated protest (Letters, August 12) is thus based on a false premise. The Board of Deputies has never

attacked or criticized any government of Israel, nor would it seek to interfere in Israeli politics. Eldred Tabachnik's commitment to Israel and the Board's continuing and forthright support of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided and eternal capital are well-known to anyone who has the slightest familiarity with Board policy or knows anything of the prevailing mood in the British Jewish community.

NEVILLE NAGLER, Chief Executive, The Board of Deputies of British

ish Year Book; she complains that the word "Zionist" is missing from the description. Since "Zionist" is in our name, and we were limited to an extremely small number of words, we chose to use the space to explain what "Zionist" means in practical terms: we strengthen US-Israel relations through educational activities that explain Israel's importance to the US and explain the dangers that Israel faces. We work

on behalf of pro-Israel legislation;

THE ZOA

disapproves of the wording of the

Sir – Marilyn Henry (August 19)

we combat anti-Israel bias in the media, textbooks, travel guides and on campuses. And we own and operate both Kfar Silver and ZOA House, Tel Aviv's premier cultural center. Isn't the public best served by being told what we actually do, rather than speaking in generalities? It is ludicrous to state that the absence of the word "Zionism"

from our description means that "the ZOA is no longer Zionist." The description of the Labor Zionist Alliance, in the very same Year Book likewise did not contain the word "Zionist." Why did Henry target the ZOA, while ignoring the Labor Zionists?

Referring to the fact that we at the ZOA work on Capitol Hill on behalf of pro-Israel legislation, Henry mistakenly claims that "the ZOA is not a registered lobby." In fact, we have been registering as a lobby for years, and again this year.

The ZOA withdrew from the America Zionist Movement because AZM chairman Seymour Reich repeatedly attacked the ZOA in public for our efforts to monitor Yasser Arafat's constant and flagrant violations of the Oslo accords.

As for the ZOA's Kfar Silver Agricultural and Technical School, near Ashkelon, the ZOA is proud to provide financial and other support to Kfar Silver for its important work providing schooling and vocational training for hundreds of new Jewish immigrants and others.

MORTON A. KLEIN, National president, Zionist Organization of America. New York,

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Sir, - I refer to my letter of August 12 about defensive driving training programs; the cost to participating drivers is \$35 and not \$357. JOSEPH KATZ

YOHANAN RAMATI

Yet when the inevitable collapse occured, the Likud did not dare to take over the banks, sell them off abroad and pay off some of the state's foreign debt. There are risks in such a course, but its passivity left the Likud with little influence ort the local economy. No wonder the Rabin-Peres government of 1992-1996 saw fit to pardon the bankers sentenced for defrauding and misleading the public in the

The new realistic level of most shares might not suit speculators banking on "peace" rather than on real assets

bank share scandal.

TODAY, THE Tel Aviv stock market is still controlled by the same interests, though the influence of the Histadrut and the kibbutzim has decreased as they are virtually bankrupt. Speculating on alleged economic benefits of the peace process," pushed most shares to vels far beyond their worth.

There are many good Israeli shares, but in the atmosphere generated at a politically-controlled stock exchange, they usually move up or down with the others, with little regard to their intrinsic worth. When the "Ma'of" and "Mishtanim" index of share prices fell from an average of some 220 to about 170 in three weeks, the electronic media, the press and the opposition launched a concerted campaign to panic the public. "The stock market is collapsing!" was the cry.

Some of the "panic" selling may have been a deliberate attempt to persuade the public that the foreign policy of the new government is destroying the stock exchange, but the new level of most shares is far more realistic than the old, which may not suit speculators banking on "peace" rather than on real assets but may well suit seri-

ous investors. Much of the present foreign investment is short-term, based on the overvalued shekel and high interest rates. It is likely to be withdrawn the moment these are stabilized at reasonable levels nearer to those in the West, leaving a hole in our foreign currency reserves.

The problem of the provident funds and mutual trust funds, which the public is selling off, is that they are administered by banks, and the public, knowing their record, does not really trust the banks. Besides, it sensibly wants to benefit from the high shekel to buy cheap imports while it still can. The selling off caused pressure on the bond market, as the funds had to sell bonds to repay their customers. However, the bonds are linked and government-guaranteed, so they are certain to recover,

The Israeli share market, on the other hand, requires an entirely new internal power structure if it is to fulfill its economic functions properly. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wants such a revolution. It now remains to be seen whether he will have more courage than his Likud predecessors in power in dealing with vested interests and whether he can mobilize friendly foreign capitalists who complain about Israel's socialism and bureaucracy - and may now have an opportunity to do something about them.

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Workers not slaves

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The influx of foreign workers into Israel over the past three years is rightly seen as a very serious problem, with an estimated 60,000 to 100,000 illegal workers on top of the 100,000 or so legal ones.

The massive influx of foreign workers began following the repeated closures of the autonomous areas and the exclusion of the Palestinian workers in response to the spate of terrorist outrages which ironically escalated following the Oslo Agreements of September 1993.

There can be no doubt that many of the problems identified with the foreign workers - largely Romanian, Thai, Filippina and African - who took their place would be reduced or eliminated if we went back to employing the Palestinians. The fly in the ointment, of course, is the question: Is it safe?

Experience has shown that terrorism dropped sharply after the imposition of the closures. But I believe it is possible to employ large numbers of Palestinian workers without necessarily inviting new waves of attacks. The controls needed to prevent the reimportation of terror depend on the government supervising the entire process unlike the rapacious free marketeers who were permitted to run wild in this field under the Labor government.

The efficient implementation of government programs will be one of the acid tests of Binyamin Netanyahu's government. One of the abject failures of the 1977-1992 Likud governments, under Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, was that instead of serving as new brooms, they proved to be as inefficient, feckless and corrupt - and often more so - than the tired politicos and bureaucrats of the previous 29 years of Labor

We know that the on-and-off closures decreed by the previous government were implemented in sieve-like fashion. Last week a Knesset committee heard that the computers serving the immigration officials at our airports are pretty

Replacing foreign workers from distant countries with Palestinians and Jordanians could foster warm neighborly relations, 1 if they're treated decently

useless. This need not continue to be the case if the Netanyahu govemment takes action.

Replacing foreign workers from distant countries with Palestinian and Jordanian workers can also serve as a major element in fostering warm relations with these neighbors. Massive unemployment is one of the endemic problems of the Middle East, running at the horrendous rate of 20 percent or higher in many countries.

Tiny Israel can obviously not be expected to solve the unemployment problems of the entire region. But it can make a serious contribution to ameliorating the problem among the Palestinians and the Jordanians, both of whom have entered into a process that could lead to a long-term peace with Israel.

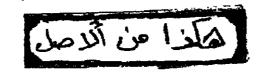
Jordan has reportedly asked Israel to allow some of its citizens to work in Eilat, but so far has received no official response.

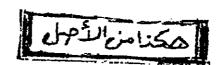
In order for the Palestinian and Jordanian workers to create a beneficial effect rather than new problems, it is essential the government ensures they are employed under fair conditions, including decent wages, housing and health care. Many Israeli employers have shown themselves to be the worst sort of exploiters; but many others have maintained warm relations with their foreign and Palestinian

Ironically, the misnamed "labor" government, did nothing to ensure humane treatment of the foreigners who have come to work here. The Netanyahu government should not seek to emulate its cynical predecessors, but rather show its ability to deal with this problem effectively and humanely. It needs a combination of a strong hand in expelling the hordes of illegal foreigners, an effective hand in supervising the reintroduction of Palestinian and Jordanian workers; and a fair hand in dealing with them humanely.

Just as Israelis rightly refuse to work for slave wages under slave conditions, the foreign workers shouldn't be treated as slave labor

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Recession Proofed

How Both Sides Joined the Supply Side



By LOUIS UCHITELLE

OB DOLE and Bill Clinton are counting on finishing out the century without a recession. The word rarely, if ever, comes up in their election campaigns. Both candidates are pitching economic policies that assume that Americans, no matter bow debt-laden or uncertain about the future, will go on buying all that this economy can produce.

The two political parties have arrived at an unusua unstated consensus. They have both decided, in effect, that demand is simply not going to falter enough to drop the nation into recession. The issue, instead, for this election is not demand but supply - producing more for

the nation's ever-eager buyers. And Bill Clinton has joined Bob Dole as a supply sider, Democratic style.

'Our growth policies are supply side," said Joseph E. Stiglitz, chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers. "Supply side," popularized by Republicans, has

come to mean cutting taxes. Lower taxes, the Republicans insist, will encourage wage earners to work harder and businesses to invest more in machinery and equipment. But "supply side" is actually a broader term the economy to produce more — a goal that everyone wants but no supply-side policy has yet clearly achieved.

The Clinton Administration pushes supply-side outlays for education and training to make workers more

productive. The centerpiece of Mr. Clinton's economic policy is deficit reduction, a supply-side attempt to shift money from government to private hands, where it would be invested more productively.

So Long, Keynes

"What is peculiar is that both the Democrats and the Republicans are campaigning on the assumption that the problem of demand has been solved," said Paul David, a Stanford University economist, "and full empl meaning plenty of demand — "can be maintained."

Coming to such a conclusion means putting aside an array of "demand-side" policies stretching back to John Maynard Keynes and the Depression. Out of this period came the view that supply was not the problem. The economy too often produced more than people could buy. The issue was helping to increase demand, with the Government often stepping in as a public spender to give the economy a boost.

The demand-side approach has been dying for 20 years. In its place, supply-side policies, unproven yet, are nevertheless embraced by politicians with sunny optimism, as if they were advocating blue skies for July 4. Everyone is for productivity and expansion, in effect about what to do to increase demand if a recession develops can be thorny, although pertinent. Getting

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Electoral College Strategies

The Only Campaign Number That Matters: 270

By RICHARD L. BERKE

HE WHITE HOUSE set off a torrent of speculation in political circles last week when it disclosed that the old lighthouse in Michigan City, Ind., would be the last stop on President Clinton's train trip this week en route to Chicago and the Democratic National Convention. Was it signaling that the Democrats would make a play for Indiana, a state the party had lost in the last seven Presidential elections?

The more likely explanation was that Indiana would be an obvious stop for the unwieldy Presidential entourage along its route through the Midwest. Or, maybe Mr.-Clinton wanted a glimpse of the picturesque dunes off Lake Michigan

There was also chatter when the newly minted ticket of Bob Dole and Jack Kemp headed for the forbidden political turf of New York after their convention. Did that mean Republicans would spend millions to contest a state that has solidly been in the Democratic column? Or, for sentimental reasons, did Mr. Kemp simply want to return to Buffalo, where he was a star quarterback for the Bills?

The Real Race

Such speculation, over strategies real or imagined, occurs with good reason. With one convention down and one to go, the sprint to Nov. 5 is nearly under way. And all the media fixation on national opinion polls notwithstanding, the contest for the White House ultimately boils down to a state-by-state competition: to win, a candidate must pile up 270 of the 538 Electoral College votes. As the incumbent President well knows, that doesn't even require a popular majority.



In hunting Electoral College votes, Bob Dole, framed by corn in Springfield, Ill., keeps Clinton guessing. His foe returns the favor.

This all-important race for electoral votes - really 51 separate winner-take-all contests including the District of Columbia - is an exercise not only in raw politicking but trickery. The two major party candidates each start out with the same sum of Federal money — roughly \$70 million apiece — which means in practical terms that they cannot hope to be competitive in every state and that they therefore must make crucial decisions about where to focus resources.

Chest-Beating

But for as long as they can get away with it, the opposing camps don't reveal which states they are serious about competing in. The last thing they want to do is divulge their spending plans to their opponents - or let hundreds of thousands of voters in a state

know that they are being written off. Although the outcome could hinge on bitter contests in 20 or so states, the campaigns for now are behaving as if they will do the impossible: bombard every state with costly TV ad campaigns. "Now, you can say any thing you want and get away with it," said Douglas Sosnik, the White House political director. "But a month from now when you start putting your money down, the bravado and chest-beating take on less importance. You can't put everything everywhere. You have to start making tough choices."

Thus far, however, the checks have not been written. So the campaigns play games. Consider California. Many savvy Republicans doubt that Mr. Dole can win California unless he comes upon some miraculous way to boost his popularity there substantially and quickly; thus they believe it would be a mistake for him to compete in the state. But Mr. Dole's partisans, citing a new Field Poll

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In Pacific Rim and Latin America, wealth has yet to trickle down.

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Ideas & Trends

Why America Pays To Play Top Executives

By MARK LANDLER

HEN Alex J. Mandl got a \$20 million signing bonus last week for quitting AT&T to run an obscure wireless telephone company, he did more than raise the salary sweepstakes for other top executives. He also ignited a fresh debate about how to measure worth in corporate America.

Mr. Mandi's gravity-defying compensation puts him in the realm of superstar athletes like Michael

Big corporate names can help anchor a company and entice investors.

Jordan, who is earning \$25 million for one season with the Chicago Bulls, or Shaquille O'Neal, who has a sevenyear, \$120 million deal with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Mr. Mandl, however, is not the best person to ever play the corporate game. While the Austrian-born executive may have been in line to succeed AT&T's chairman, Robert E. Allen, his colleagues describe him as a sturdy, single-minded businessman.

Hardly grounds for a \$20 million paycheck. What Mr. Mandl has is an exquisite sense of timing.

The business world now yearns for marquee executives and is increasingly willing to compensate them like film stars or franchise players. It's not that the executives are any better. It's just that technology and the dismantling of Government regulations have turned the marketplace upside down.

The 'Great Man' Theory

In such a vertiginous environment, where new industries seem to spring up overnight while old ones are snuffed out, big-name executives act as anchors. They can soothe shareholders and, even more important, lure new capital from investors who would otherwise shy away from complex or unproven technologies.

"Academics, journalists and securities analysts have all become bewitched with the 'great man' theory of business," said Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld, the director of the Center for Leadership and Career Studies at Emory University, "We have developed such a cult of personality that we think the chief executive personifies the firm."

In corporate America, what separates stars from working stiffs is not always clear. As AT&T's president, the 52-year-old Mr. Mandl had just enough heft to make the cut. Before joining AT&T, he ran Sea-Land Services, a giant shipping company, and more than doubled the company's revenues in three years.

Perception matters as much as reality, though, and in Mr. Mandl's case, a dollop of myth-making helped. Newspaper and magazine articles routinely refer to him as a brash leader who chafed in the stodgy confines of AT&T. Throw in his stocky build and silvery hair, and Mr. Mandl comes across almost like a Jack Kemp for the



Alex J. Mandl, former president of AT&T, got a \$20 million bonus from an obscure phone company.

Rotary Club crowd

In reality, he is rather low-key and reserved. One senior AT&T executive said Mr. Mandl was so aloof he had trouble galvanizing his colleagues behind his strategy for propelling AT&T into the newly deregulated telecommunications market.

But Mr. Mandl's skills are almost beside the point The owners of his new company, Associated Communications, would like to take their venture public in the next year or so. Wall Street analysis said that the mere fact Mr. Mandi was involved could double the value of the stock offering — from \$250 million to \$500 million

World

"What you need is a signal that you have what it takes to succeed," said Robert H. Frank, an economist at Cornell University and the co-author, with Philip J. Cook, of "The Winner Takes All Society" (Martin Kessler/Free Press, 1995). "Now you've got a guy who is willing to give up his future at AT&T to bet on this technology. That's all the market needs to know."

The Flop Threat

The danger in hiring celebrity executives is that much as a star athlete can get injured or a blockbuster actor can make a flop - the big-name boss may never

end up building a good company.

Barry Diller, the creator of the Fox network, brought Hollywood glamor to the dowdy business of home shopping when he became chairman of the QVC cable channel in 1992. Mr. Diller promised to transform QVC from a peddler of pillow covers to a high-tech electronic bazaar. That was enough to drive its stock through the roof, and Mr. Diller pocketed more than \$100 million in profits. But while QVC remains successful, his loftier ambitions for home shopping fizzled, and Mr. Diller moved on.

John Sculley, the charismatic former chairman of Apple Computer, resigned in 1993 to run a small wireless company, Spectrum Information Technologies. Mr. Sculley left several months later, unable to fix problems that ranged from financial losses to criminal dealings by

Such horror stories aside, Mr. Mandl's new employers may have already made the right decision in hiring him. The shares of Associated Group, which owns 55 percent of Mr. Mandl's venture, rose \$6.75 in the 48 hours after his appointment was announced. That makes Mr. Mandi's employers roughly \$120 million richer. At those numbers, a \$20 million signing bonus looks like chump

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Both Sides Join the Supply Side

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through the next Presidential term without a recession would mean a record 10 years without one - not impossible, but hardly a sure thing.

'It is pretty clear there won't be a recession before the election in November," said Robert M. Solow, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "So if you were to force the question on either candidate, either can say. 'The history of capitalism suggests there will be a downturn and we will meet it when it comes."

Debating solutions in advance means reminding voters that things could get bad soon, a pessimism no Presidential candidate wants to indulge in. It also means debating whether the Federal Reserve is manipulating interest rates properly, keeping them low enough to encourage borrowing and spending. That debate makes the stock and bond markets nervous, at a moment when both parties, in deference to Wall Street, shy away from challenging the Fed.

Then there is the issue of whether to increase public spending, an inevitable theme in any discussion of how to avoid a recession. But public spending means more government, just when both parties are advocating less. In the 1992 campaign, in the aftermath of the last recession, Mr. Clinton called for \$16 billion in public works spending. He wanted, among other things, to stimulate the economy by supplementing the spending of the still-reluctant private sector. But after he took office, the economy revived and the Administration dropped this demand-side proposal in favor of deficit

Expansion Forever

No wonder, then, that Laura D'Andrea Tyson, who presides over the National Economic Council at the White House, said in an interview, "There is no reason to predict the end of this economic expansion." And John B. Taylor, a Stanford University economist and a chief economic adviser to Mr. Dole, said, "At this point, the economy is expanding and there is nothing in the Dole package that would come close to a recession.

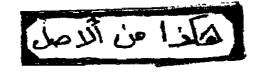
Most economists are happy to see supply-side economics front and center. Over the last 15 years, they say, the economic system has learned to keep demand robust so that Americans are busy, most of the time, buying all the nation can produce. The Federal Reserve has become the main agent in regulating this process, and recessions are viewed as short, accidental events, the aftershock of a an oil crisis or a mistake by the Fed, which somehow fails to lower interest rates just when it should. "Right now, the view is that not only can we manage demand," said Richard Nelsen, a Columbia University economist, "but recession is an insignificant problem that the Fed can reverse."

There are dissenters, of course. The National Association of Manufacturers says supply is not the immediate problem; its members can produce more than Americans are buying. The Fed therefore should hold down interest rates to increase demand. Unions also dissent. They see in mass layoffs and persistent wage stagnation too big a supply of labor, so they, too, are demand-siders.

Even Mr. Solow, who shares the view that the economy today is responding to demand with all its capacity, nevertheless would not mind testing to see if there just might be room for more demand. But he was a member of John F. Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers in the early 1960's, when demand-side policies were all the rage. "If those days were these days," Mr. Solow said, "we would be exploring the gap and trying to understand if there was a gap left."

That sort of talk is not likely at the Democratic convention in Chicago this week. Nor is recession policy likely to surface, although some in the Administration are toying with the thought of accusing Mr. Dole of advocating irresponsible tax cuts that would bring on a recession. The scenario would go like this: tax cuts would not be matched by spending cuts, the deficit would rise, and so would interest rates, spending would slow, and a recession would arrive.

Ms. Tyson comes close to making the accusation, even using the "R" word. "If we change course," she said, meaning change course from Mr. Clinton's "even keeled" policies, "if we move off a credible path to balancing the budget, to continued deficit reduction, that would cause interest rates to rise, slowing the economy and risking a recession."



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Asia's Path to More Equality and More Money for All

By PETER PASSELL

Signal that you have we spert H. Frank, an economic eco-author, with Philip 16, Society. (Martin Kesslerik, OB DOLE says he wants to cut taxes, proposing a 15 percent across-the-board cut in income taxes. And he wants to give the rich a bigger cut: he has proposed halving the capital gains tax, from 28 percent to 14 percent. The rationale? Cutting taxes on investment income means that there will be more savings to invest, translating into more risk-taking enterprise, more innovation and, utlimately, more growth.

Most Americans remember this idea from the Reagan era, when it was dismissed as "trickle-down economics" by liberals -who were, in turn, accused of fomenting class warfare. But few know that it was manifestation of a broader, long-running debate in economic circles: is the care and

From the Pacific rim and Latin America. lessons about concentrated wealth.

pampering of a wealthy, productive elite the key to economic development, or does it pay to spread wealth around more evenly?

For all of the evidence available from 50 years of postwar economic history, the United States and Europe are still perplexed by this question; market forces are exacerbating inequality in Western nations - most notably the United States, which is growing more rapidly than Japan or Europe.

But now there is new evidence undermining - no, burying - the theory that growth and economic equality don't mix. The proof is in East Asia, in the economies that have seen startling growth in the last 15 years.

For much of this century, most Western economists studying the patterns of growth came down on the side of the rich. The thinking, best articulated by the British economist Nicholas Kaldor in the 1950's, was that in poor societies, only the rich can afford to save. And since capital is the elixir of growth, it was a matter of arithmetic that societies that allowed the concentration of wealth would see faster development.

Simon Kuznets, a Nobel Prize winner who



In Brazil's boom, the rich got richer. But slums, like this hillside settlement in Rio de Janeiro, shown in 1992, grew with the economy.

taught at Harvard, elaborated on the process by which wealth would trickle down. He theorized that as nations switched from agriculture to industry, gaps in the distribution of income would widen until the rural poor were absorbed into the more productive industrial sector.

Latin America and the Caribbean once seemed to make the case for the concentration of wealth. Growth in those countries was brisk in the 1960's and 70's, before their economies stalled after the oil crisis and the subsequent third world debt crisis.

But little of their wealth trickled down. Indeed, Brazil, with its grinding rural poverty and violent slums, became the poster boy for development with Dickensian results. Statistics in the 1996 United Nations Human Development Report show that while the average income in Latin America's largest economy has quadrupled and the average living standard has probably reached the level enjoyed by Americans in the 1950's, people in the bottom fifth of the income scale still average just two years of schooling and still drink polluted water.

But in East Asia — roughly, the arc from Japan to Thailand — income growth in the 1980's and 1990's has been greater than that of Latin America two decades earlier, while income disparity has narrowed. When China is included, average incomes in East Asia are still just half that of Latin America. But nutrition and life expectancy are virtually identical. And strikingly, the most successful East Asian economies are also the most egalitarian. In South Korea, the richest fifth of the population averaged 5.7 times more

income than the poorest fifth, as against 32 times more in Brazil, 30 times more in Guatemala and 18 times more in Chile. In the United States, the ratio is 14 to 1.

Blame the Conquistadors

Why did East Asia and Latin America take such radically different paths? Some sociologists cite Latin America's conquistador tradition, in which descendants of European colonizers owned the land and the indigenous majority worked it. East Asia's natural wealth was far more modest than, say, Venezuela's. Hence Asia did not have the easy income from raw materials to shield the ruling class from having to produce goods for competitive world markets.

Many economists, including Jeffrey Sachs,

director of the Harvard Institute for International Development, see other differences between the Latin American and Asian economic models. "Begin with the fact that East Asia started out more equal," he noted; in Asia, almost everyone was poor after World War II, and postwar policies largely reinforced equality.

"Unlike Latin America, you had successful land reform," said Albert Fishlow, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. In Japan, reform was demanded by the American occupiers; in China it was imposed by revolutionaries. And in much of the rest of East Asia it was dictated by governments that brooked no opposition from former colonial powers.

Stuck at the Top

There were other factors in the failure of Latin American wealth to trickle down. Education, for example. Latin America squandered resources on universities that served only the children of the elite.

East Asia, by contrast, invested heavily in mass education, which can either be viewed as social enlightenment or a matter of necessity. "When the only resource is people, you invest in people," said Gustav Ranis, an

Then there's the colonial legacy. While the Japanese were hardly a benevolent bunch, their occupation left parts of East Asia with railroads, telephone systems and roads that made industrialization easier. What's more, notes Alice Amsden, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Taiwan and Korea inherited Japanese-created banking systems that were far more effective in allocating capital to productive enterprise than the banks in Latin America.

Asia's leveled playing field has produced a far larger middle class. And this group defies the assumption that savings comes easier in societies with highly concentrated wealth. East Asians save a high proportion of their income, while in Latin America growth has been constrained by very low savings rates.

Why did economists swallow the idea that social justice was the enemy of growth? Perhaps it was the not-so-subtle impact of the cold war, of a time when the West found it convenient to rationalize the excesses of anti-Communist regimes. But the obvious success of East Asia is forcing economists toward subtler interpretations of the relationship between income distribution and a strong economy. Perhaps economists are not the only people who can take lessons away from Asia's model.

Mensa's 50th Birthday

Games in the Name of Brains

By SARAH LYALL

ENSA was founded 50 years ago in Oxford, by a pair of Englishmen who wanted to create a society for people whose only common quality was an uncommon intelligence, or, alternatively, who were able to meet Mensa's standards for being in the top 2 percent of the population intellectually - roughly an I.Q. of at least 148. Since then, Mensa (Latin for "table," suggesting a

gathering of great minds) has seen its super-smart reputation tarnished somewhat. In recent years, there have been allegations of financial impropriety by the group's now-former executive director. There has been a much-ridiculed proposal to start a depository for Mensan super-sperm in California. And there has been a growing public perception that, in the words of the writer Christopher Hitchens, Mensa is basically just a "singles club for nerds."

But at London's Metropole Hotel, where some 1,100 of the brighter-than-average gathered last week to celebrate Mensa's 50th anniversary, all was running smartly. Most members, in fact, professed not to have read Mr. Hitchens's scathing denouncement in the current issue of Vanity Fair magazine, in which he describes taking a Mensa I.Q. test that, among other things, gave him a list of words (house, school, dog, cinema, church) and asked, Which does not belong?

Unbloodied and unbowed, the group went about happily doing what anyone does at a convention: socializing, flirting, sightseeing, drinking too much, forming cliques, staying up late, and listening to lectures ("My Life as an Erotic Artist," was the offering on Wednesday, given by Mark Hutchenreuther). But with all that aggressive extra intelligence floating around, there was a feeling here that if the world really is divided into "us" and "them," then Mensans are "us."

Beam Them Up

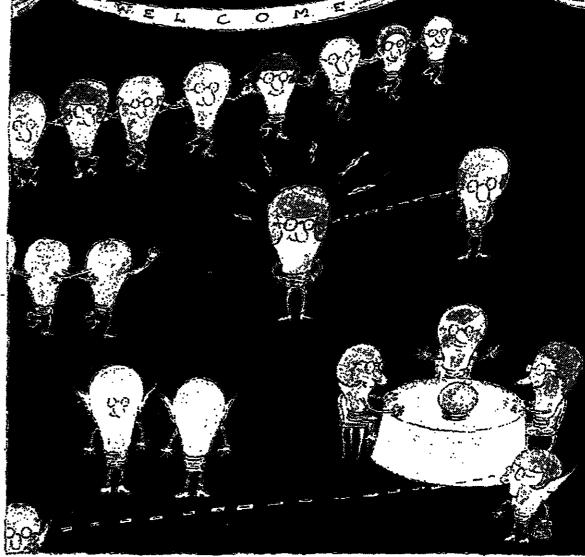
"When I joined Mensa, it was the first place where I felt I could be totally relaxed," said Megan Edwards, 43, who lives in a 32-foot mobile home and travels around the United States, editing an on-line magazine called "Road Trip America." "You could let on that you were interested in things, something it's barder to do in the wider world."

For 47-year-old Steev (yup, two e's in the middle) Schmidt, who works for the California Department of Education, Mensa means meeting people "who are at the same level as you intellectually." "Conversation might start out very similarly as it

does with regular people: How are you? Where are you from?" he said. "But then if you happen to mention something that is a keen interest of yours -- say, nuclear power -- then they could talk intelligently about it." The convention gave members a chance to see old

friends, to visit the London Dungeon (the museum of medieval horrors) and to mingle with the Gallic chapter of Mensa on a day trip to Paris. It also gave them the opportunity to learn about the vast array of Mensa special interest groups - sub-groups of the smart.

There was a group for pagan Mensans, a group for people who like Italian, a group of Mensans who believe in the occult, a group for those interested in politics. There was the Star Trek group ("In 'The Enemy Within," I can understand why the landing party couldn't beam



up," gripes one contributor in the current newsletter, 'but what was wrong with sending down a shuttle?")

them: that they are lonely losers who rarely wash and who exhibit all the social skills of Dustin Hoffman's idiot savant in "Rain Man."

Barrows, 61, a retired elementary school music teacher who lives in Medford, Ore.

her husband, Thor, 66, a retired government training "We often get asked, 'If you're so smart, why aren't

you rich?" Mrs. Barrows said. But the Barrowses admit to having met their share of Mensa weirdos, like the members who arrived at one meeting with their herd of goats, in order to publicize their new Mensa commune. Another member came to at a dinner party, only to spend the evening sleeping under the Barrowses' grand piano. He was not drunk, Mrs. Barrows said. "I guess he just didn't have very good socialization skills."

Joking aside, members say that some outsiders are extremely impressed at their ultra-bright status. "I know a plastic surgeon who joined just so he could put the magazines around the waiting room," said Nancy Wilson, 56, of Petaluma, Calif., a lover of trivia who cleans up at Mensa party word games and who, among other things, once won almost \$10,000 on "Jeopardy." "Plastic surgeons," she said, "are really concerned with appear-

Why do people join Mensa? "It's easier to communicate, because people are making an effort that they don't always make in the real world," Mr. Schmidt said. "Of course, that could be the nature of social organizations, which are by definition social."

Mr. Barrows said it was a question of finding somewhere to fit in, finally.

"A lot of people join because it's the only club that will take them that they can tolerate," he said "Who was it who said he wouldn't join any club that would have him as a member? Well, this is that club."



Arundhati Ghose, India's ambassador at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, said the treaty was unacceptable.

India Bucks The Test Ban Treaty

HE Clinton Administration lost a big one this week, when India torpedoed more than two years of negotiations on a treaty that would end all nuclear

Although President Clinton has repeatedly promised in speeches that the pact would be signed this year, when the final moments came at the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, the President, critics say, failed to pick up the phone and lean on world leaders to get India to sign the test ban treaty. Indians say that would not have changed things. Arundhati Ghose, India's negotiator, said that the treaty as written would subject her country to unacceptable pressure and that New Delhi won't sign till the nuclear powers pledge to destroy their existing weapons, a proposal rejected by most of the countries at the conference, including the United

Australia is now stepping up to save the treaty by leading a drive to have it approved by the United Nations General Assembly in early next month. The Australians, with good contacts in the developing world, are marshaling a bloc of "Friends of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," hoping to isolate India as much as possible and head off potential problems from others in the 185-member As-BARBARA CROSSETTE Mensans bristle at the prevailing stereotype about

"A lot of people refer to us as 'Densans,' " said Erika "Yeah, people who can't pass the Mensa test," said

The Nation

Why America's Ever-Fatter Kids Don't Go to Gym

By JACQUES STEINBERG

EW memories of coming of age have the enduring sting of gym class: the sinking feeling of being the last player picked for a team, the valiant struggle to muster a chin-up or the failure to clamber even a few inches toward the ceiling up a bristly, seemingly endless rope.

Given such experiences, it's not surprising that many gym-class alumni, now parents and educators, have been willing to tolerate cuts in physical education to pay for traditionally more pressing priorities like computer instruction. Likewise, it's a safe bet that their kids returning to school next week aren't too upset about the cuts either. But to health experts tracking the ballooning of America's increasingly sedentary children, the trend is a dangerous one.

The Surgeon General reported last month that only 25 percent of American high school

Physical education loses in a competition for money.

students took daily physical education last year, down from 42 percent just five years ago. Four out of 10 high school students received no physical education at all last year. The declines are occurring at a time when, according to several studies, obesity rates among the young are increasing more rapidly than in the ever-chunky American population as a whole.

The cuts are all the more disappointing. the experts say, because the Surgeon General's report, which touts the benefits of moderate exercise, dovetails with an evolving, less competitive approach to physical education. In the gym class of the 1990's, the 600-yard run is out and aerobic dancing is in, and students are more likely to be pitted

against their own target heart rates than each other.

"Lots of people don't understand that phys ed gives kids a healthier lifestyle," said Geraldine Tyler, who has taught the subject for 18 years in the New York City public schools, the last 11 at Bayside High School in Oueens.

It has been nine years since Congress passed a resolution urging the nation's schools to offer physical education every day to every student, from kindergarten through 12th grade. But lawmakers provided no extra money to achieve the goal. Reaching it has become only more elusive as mandates in areas like special education have risen and tax revenues have fallen. (Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 forced many schools to add after-school sports teams for girls, to level the playing field with boys, but it had little impact on physical education programs.) Today only one state, Illinois, requires daily phys ed.

In Needham, Mass., an affluent suburb of Boston, school administrators decided in the spring to eliminate all physical education classes in the fourth and fifth grades, after residents voted down a referendum in April that would have added \$1.5 million in tax revenues to the \$25 million education budget. "I know it's the wrong thing to do," said the superintendent of schools. Dr. Patricia Ruane, "but we have to cut somewhere."

In New Jersey, the Education Department recently rejected a recommendation from a panel of teachers and parents that every student receive daily physical education, because school districts would have been unfairly required to pick up the tab.

And in New York, where for decades phys ed was taught daily in almost all the city's 300 high schools, perhaps 70 schools now do so. Some high schools have cut gym to the state minimum of two classes a week one semester and three the next to absorb sharp budget cuts. Other schools have trimmed students' gym schedules so that more class time can be spent meeting new math and science requirements.

"It's an issue of guns and butter," said John J. Ferrandino, superintendent for high schools in New York City. "When you have



Memories of this gym class at Broncksland Junior High in the Bronx in 1963 may have left little enthusiasm for spending on their own children's physical education.

to make hard decisions, you prioritize. Physical education has come a long way since the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports was established during the Eisenhower Administration and set parameters for ranking students in the top 15 percent of American youth - 40 sit-ups by a 13-year-old girl in 60 seconds, for example. Today many phys ed teachers have aban-

doned such performance-based standards, saying the benchmarks insure that all but a handful of students fail.

Just Do It

Reflecting that attitude, National Association for Sport and Physical Education, a teachers' organization, advises that a 13year-old girl can complete as few as 18 situps in 60 seconds to rank in a "healthy fitness zone." The competition inherent in afterschool sports is eschewed in favor of the practical sports and health instruction that educators believe all students, athletic and non-athletic alike, require.

"We want people to know that to be a healthy person, they don't have to be an Olympic athlete or max the Presidential fitness test," said Dr. Judith Young, the association's director. In echoing that thinking, the Surgeon General's report concluded that "every effort should be made to encourage schools to require daily physical education in each grade."

One district that does not need persuading is the Montebello Unified School District in East Los Angeles, where daily physical education is required for the first three years of high school — one year longer than the state mandates. Sixty-five percent of seniors take a fourth year of P.E. as an elective.

Carolyn Thompson, a physical education teacher at Bell Gardens High School, relies on non-competitive activities like the "buddy run," in which students' pulse rates are measured but speeds are not. And she draws the line when it comes to choosing teams. "The No. 1 sin in physical education is

letting kids pick teams," Ms. Thompson said. 'You could ruin a kid for life.'

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"I select the teams," she added, "and I do it on my computer.'

Only No. 270 Really Counts

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putting Mr. Dole behind Mr. Clinton by only 10 points in California, nevertheless insist that they will fight there. "Right now, today, we are playing hard in Califor-

nia and we are putting the resources there necessary," said Jill Hanson, Mr. Dole's political director. But when asked how much the campaign will spend, she left herself some wiggle room: "Those are determination that are going to have to be made, to be determined when the time is right."

Republicans well remember when President Bush pulled out of California in 1992. He calculated, probably correctly, that he had no chance there. But his campaign's blatant neglect of California was blamed for the Republicans' loss of many of the state's Congressional seats in 1992. And coattail considerations aside, the Dole forces calculate that the longer they keep the Clinton camp guessing, the more likely it will spend money in California that it might better spend elsewhere.

That's a Tall Story, Cowboy

Or consider Texas. White House and Democratic officials refuse to cross the Lone Star State off their public list, although it is highly doubtful that Mr. Clinton will prevail there. As one White House official put it, "We'll compete there - not in a strategy to win the state but to make Dole work for it."

Ronald Reagan and George Bush, in his victorious 1988 campaign, enjoyed what is called an Electoral College "lock," with a virtually guaranteed base of Western and Southern votes. But because Mr. Dole still has not caught up to Mr. Clinton in the polls, the Democrats for the moment are in the unaccustomed position of having the advantage. Seizing this opportunity, they for months have spent millions of dollars on TV commercials to build up leads in states that aren't even on the Democrats' must-win list - like Florida, New Mexico, Colorado and Washington.



Candidates Clinton and Gore last week at a rural black church in Tennessee destroyed by arson.

By contrast, Mr. Dole is behind in so many states that he needs to raise his popularity nationally before he can embark on a state-by-state strategy. And the entry of Ross Perot as the Reform Party candidate could make it a tougher fight for Mr. Dole in states like Florida and Texas. As Donald Devine, a Dole adviser, wrote in The Washington Times in February: "If it is a three-way race, the odds go strongly in the Democrats' direction."

indeed. Democrats are judiant, "The difference right now is that the Democrats have an electoral base and the Republicans really don't - they have to reinforce their base," said Mark A. Siegel, a Democratic expert on the Electoral College. Referring to Mr. Kemp's popularity in his two home states, he added, "If they want to think the Kemp nomination is going to salvage New York or California for them, let them."

But Ms. Hanson warned Democrats not to be overconfident. "When I see a new round of data," she said, "we'll see, in states that were probably soft Dole states, they will be firmly in our column."

By relying on history and interviews with campaign strategists - and by examining where the campaigns have pumped their ad money thus far - it is possible to spin scenarios showing how Mr. Clinton or Mr. Dole could rack up the states to push themselves over the top.

The Democratic Way

The Democrats' route to the White House begins, and ends, with California, with the largest cache of electoral votes, 54. The state is so crucial to Mr. Clinton that he has practically made it a second home. The common wisdom is that the Democrats cannot win without California, though Republicans could win by scraping together enough smaller states. Mr. Clinton is also counting on Democratic strongholds in the Pacific Northwest like Washington and Oregon, and New York and Pennsylvania in the Northeast. Mr. Clinton is also hoping to hold on to at least one of the two important states in the Mountain West that he won in '92 that now are by no means sure bets: New Mexico and Colorado.

That sets up a battle in the industrial Midwest over states like Michigan, Ohio and Illinois as well as two other toss-up states, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Democrats are also campaigning hard in Florida and North Carolina, two states that usually go Republican -as they did four years ago. But Mr. Clinton nearly won Florida four years ago, and if he does this time, by appealing to retirees and anti-Castro Cuban-Americans, there will be less of a need for a clean sweep of the

Republicans, meanwhile, have set their sights on several states that Mr. Bush carried in 1988 but barely lost four years later: Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, Ohio and Tennesse

To start with, Mr. Dole expects to claim a clear swath down the midsection of the country, from the Dakotas to Nebraska to Mr. Dole's home state of Kansas to Oklahoma and Texas. Mr. Dole's partisans are also counting on traditional Republican strength in the Western states of Idaho, Utah and Arizona. The Republicans also anticipate a strong showing in the South, where they expect to hang on to Florida despite Mr. Clinton's intensive efforts there, and hope to capture Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia.

If the Republicans succeed in shoring up the party's base, that would set up a battle over swing states, especially in the Midwest. The party hopes that the Republican Governors who dominate the Midwest states will insure Mr. Dole victory; Ohio is widely viewed as the Republicans' best shot for a big win. But there would also be competition for Michigan, Wisconsin and other contested states like New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

We're killing them everywhere," Mr. Sosnik said of the President's dominance in the latest polls. But he quickly reminded himself that at this stage the electoral man had better be drawn in pencil, not ink: "I don't think a meaningful discussion about the electoral map can even begin until the second week of September." The discussion may not be meaningful, or prophetic, but the calculations, and the feinting, began long ago.

The Real Race

It is the Electoral College, not the popular vote, that chooses the President. Each state has as many votes as it has U.S. Senators and Representatives. To win, a candidate must receive a majority of the 538 votes. Electors are required to cast their votes for the winner of the popular vote in every state except Nebraska and Maine. In a tight race, Republicans have a built-in advantage because sparsely populated states, most of which tend to vote Republican, are overrepresented in the Electoral College.

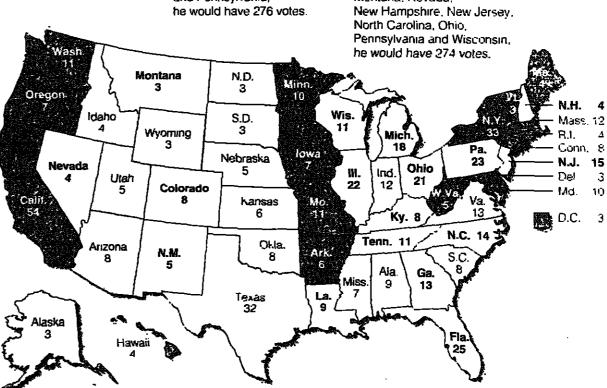
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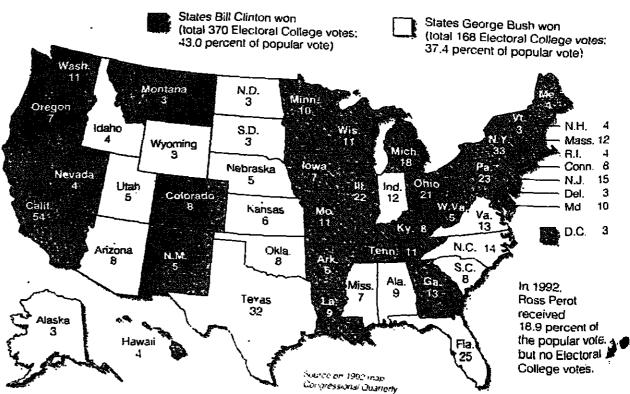
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ECONOMY

The Dark Side of a Magical Metal

By BARRY MEIER

ROUND 1986, Dr. Lee Newman and fellow researchers in Denver got the first warnings of a troubling discovery: A workplace illness thought to have been largely defeated was flourishing.

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The resurgent health threat was chronic beryllium disease, or C.B.D., a potentially fatal lung ailment that afflicts only the small minority of people whose immune systems are susceptible to beryllium, apparently because of their genetic makeup. Beryllium, a naturally occurring metal, is used to make components and alloys for car ignition systems, computers, spacecraft and nuclear bombs

In the 20 years leading up to Dr. Newman's findings, only a handful of C.B.D. cases among workers were reported annually to health authori-

But as researchers began to examine workers in factories and clinics, they discovered that hundreds of them either had symptoms of C.B.D., also known as berylliosis, or had immune reactions to the presence of beryllium, a process that can lead to development of the disease.

Every place we are looking for the disease, we are finding it," Dr. Newman said in a recent interview. A pulmonologist, he specializes in occupational and environmental medicine at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in Denver.

Many trails in this medical mystery lead back to Brush Wellman Inc., a Cleveland-based company that is the leading producer of beryllium in the United States and whose stock has a value of \$325 million on the New York Stock Exchange. For nearly 50 years, Brush Wellman has maintained that Federal workplace standards on beryllium exposure were sufficient to protect workers against C.B.D. Today, company officials acknowledge that exceptions to that rule may exist, but they say they only began to suspect so in

Scores of documents recently disclosed in mounting litigation against Brush Wellman tell a far more complex story. They provide a window into how a company, seeing a profitable product threatened, can turn its energies not only to solving that dilemma quickly but also to defending a scientific line in the sand and limiting its liabilities. The Brush Wellman problems also illustrate what other companies might face as researchers increasingly find that some workers, because of their genetic makeup, are susceptible to occupational ills.

For two decades, Brush Wellman disputed reports that workers were being sickened by beryllium at minimal exposures and, in one case, did not tell regulators about those findings, court documents indicate. With the number of C.B.D. cases growing and a company consultant questioning the adequacy of Federal expo-

sure limits, a top company executive lium dust. Mrs. Mason said she had below the Federal limit. told Brush Wellman directors in 1990 that maintaining Federal standards as the legal authority on beryllium's toxicity was essential to "successfully defending" the company against lawsuits, according to a copy of the presentation. Brush Wellman also considered geneuc testing to screen out vulnerable employees; in recent years those workers affected by beryllium exposure have had to make painful decisions about whether to quit

Brush Wellman officials deny that they did anything wrong and maintain that for decades they have been at the forefront of C.B.D. research, And independent scientists say they have seen a new openness in management in recent years.

But some company executives acknowledge that with the re-emergence of C.B.D., Brush Wellman has been forced to be much more aggressive in trying to learn how workers are sickened by beryllium.

This is something that concerns us all greatly," said Martin B. Powers, a former vice president at Brush Wellman and currently a member of the Beryllium Industry Scientific Advisory Panel, a consulting group principally financed by the compa-

The workers exposed to beryllium are far fewer than those affected by asbestos exposure. Nonetheless, some of their stories appear to be equally tragic.

As for exposure outside the workplace, experts say that finished products containing beryllium do not pose health threats to consumers; it is an industrial threat.

In an annual filing recently to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Brush Wellman said it was a defendant in numerous lawsuits filed by employees, former employees and employees of customers claiming health problems from beryllium exposure. Timothy Reed, a company spokesman, said several of those actions, including one that sought class-action status, were recently dismissed. About 14 lawsuits, filed largely by employees of industrial customers, are pending, he said.

Beryllium, which is extracted from ore and processed into various forms, is an extraordinary material, lighter than aluminum and six times stiffer than steel. But this magical metal has a treacherous aspect; the 1 to 5 percent of the population that is genetically susceptible can have a devastating immunological reaction.

The reaction involves the same biological phenomena that occur in allergies like hay fever. But exposure to beryllium dust in the have become sensitized to it can lead to a buildup of scar tissue in the lungs that can reduce their capacity to process oxygen and ultimately result in death.

While most people can tolerate beryllium, others can be laid low by minute traces of it. In 1980, for instance, a furnace exploded at Brush Wellman's plant in Elmore, Ohio, severely burning Carolyn Mason's husband and coating him with berylnursed him at home.

"For days, I cleaned this stuff out of his skin and his hair," Mrs. Mason said.

Her husband, who still works at the Elmore plant, has not developed C.B.D. But the cost of Mrs. Mason's exposure to much smaller doses of the metallic dust became apparent in 1989. She said she experienced severe rib pain and eventually was sent to see Dr. Newman after she had been misdiagnosed several times. She soon learned she had C.B.D., for which there is no known

In an effort to control the disease, she now takes steroids, which can have severe side effects, and she must be on an oxygen unit 24 hours a day. "I'll never be off of it." said Mrs. Mason, who eventually sued Brush Wellman. The case was settled out of court for an undisclosed sum, she said.

Recognizing beryllium's extreme toxicity, Federal officials set a tough workplace standard in 1949, limiting average workday exposure to the metal to two micrograms per cubic meter of air, the equivalent of dispersing the dust from a lead pencil's tip evenly through a six-foot-high box the size of a football field.

The results were dramatic. Cases of acute beryllium poisoning, a disease bought on quickly by extremely high exposures to the material, disappeared and, by the early 1960's, the more insidious cases of C.B.D. appeared to slow to a trickle. Brush Wellman officials were so confident of the Federal standard's effectiveness that they repeatedly declared in the mid-1980's that only three C.B.D. cases had been found among company employees hired after 1960.

"We thought the problem was largely licked," said Merril Eisenbud, a professor emeritus at New York University Medical Center who became a paid consultant to Brush Wellman around 1990.

But even as they were declaring victory over the disease in the 1980's, Brush Wellman officials had reason to suspect that all might not be as it seemed. Fully a decade earlier, they had received a study from a Japanese researcher that raised troubling questions about the Federal standards.

Dr. Shogo Shima, a medical consultant to NGK Industries, a Japanese beryllium producer, reported that he had found five Japanese "We realized we did't have to workers with advanced cases of wait 10 years" to find B.D. said that he had found five Japanese C.B.D. whose earlier exposures to Dr. Kreiss, now a profesor of occuberyllium had apparently been be- pational medicine at the University the American limit

The company received the report in 1974. Shortly after, Mr. Shima met with top managers, including Mr. Rocky Flats workers with C.B.D. Powers, and reiterated his findings, according to court documents. And identified about 200 wrkers at Deyet, in testimony three years later at a Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration hearing, top company officials declared that they did not know of a single study that fledged C.B.D., according to Federal had detected C.B.D. in workers who had been exposed to beryllium levels

In an interview, Mr. Powers sa he and others had not mentioned t Japanese findings during the inor ry, largely because the hearing t focused on beryllium's cancer thrit rather than on C.B.D. He added at company officials also believed at Dr. Shima's research methodoky was faulty.

"At that time we didn't takenis very seriously," Mr. Powers aid, referring to Dr. Shima's work. But that work may hold than-

swer to the riddle of why B.D. seemingly disappeared in thisountry, only to reappear: a lack froutine follow-up testing of elosed workers, Dr. Shima said NGWegan giving regular follow-up physals to retired employees in the mid 970's. Such monitoring is necessity to chart the course of the diseal, in his opinion, because C.B.D. carfie dormant for so long. In additio C.B.D. symptoms can be easily bufused with those of other respirtory ill-

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"Beyond that, the reponsibility was on the former enloyee," he

In the mid-1980's, jut as Brush Wellman was celebrang C.B.D.'s supposed eradication events were already unfolding that ould shatter that assumption.

Around 1985, Dr. Kahleen Kreiss, a colleague of Dr. Nefman who was then at the National lewish lenter, received a call fron the nedical department at the locky Fats nuclear-weapons plan outside Jenver. The question for fer was simple: Could pregnant employees at the plant who faced dangers from radiation exposure be safely shifted to areas where beryllium was used?

At the time, Dr. Newman was experimenting with a refired berylli-um blood test on laborate animals. In response to the injury from Rocky Flats, he and Dr Creiss administered it to workers nere.

The test, though not 100 percent accurate, allowed the resarchers to screen large numbers i people for early signs of C.B.D. ather than wait for years for sever symptoms to develop. In cases whee the blood test indicated a problem a lung test was performed to detectdisease.

Dr. Kreiss and Dr. Jewman initially found a cluster of several The tests continued ando date have partment of Energy fcilities with blood or chest abnormlities associated with beryllium exposure, including more than 50cases of fullstatistics.

After the firs: Roky Flats data



An employee works at a Brush Wellman factory in Ohio.

were made public in the late 1980's, the Coors Ceramics Company, a unit ACX Technologies Inc. that purchased beryllium from Brush Wellman, took up the question of whether to test its employees. But Beverly Obenchain, a former director of environmental health and safety at Coors, said that when she asked Brush Wellman officials for their opinion, their reaction was cautious.

"Brush was concerned that we could give validity to Lee's test because it was the new test on the block," Ms. Obenchain recalled. "It was very difficult for me to understand. It would definitely increase costs but in the long run it might minimize treatments." Coors did test and found nine cases of C.B.D. among current and former employ-

Robert H. Rozek, senior vice president for Brush Wellman's international operation, said the company had legitimate concerns about the test's accuracy. But by 1989, Mr. Eisenbud, the Brush Wellman adviser, was also questioning the Federal standard, pointing to C.B.D. cases among secretaries and other employees who spent little time in factories, court documents indicate. He soon told other Brush Wellman consultants that he "knew of no other occupational illness with so many cases in clerical rather than production workers," according to minutes of that meeting.

In retrospect, some Government officials said they believed that some evidence questioning the Federal standard had emerged years ago. For example, Dr. Tara O'Toole. the Department of Energy's assistant secretary for environment, safety and health, said 10 workers at Government nuclear weapons plants had immunological reactions to beryllium even though their jobs apparently did not bring them into direct contact with the material. "It was probably clear by the late 1980's and early 1990's that the existing standard was not protecting workers." Dr. O'Toole said.

Brush Wellman officials were also becoming aware that the problem was worse than they had thought. Diagnosed cases of C.B.D. within the company had also started to swell. including some at a relatively new plant in Tucson, Ariz., considered to

have up-to-date safety equipment. With questions building over the Federal standards, the mood within the company grew increasingly defensive, and officials dug in to protect their principal product, ward off lawsuits and limit liabilities, court

papers indicate. In 1990, Brush Wellman executives told the company's board that preventing any tightening of the Federal exposure standard was "fundamental to our defense against product liability lawsuits," according to a presentation made at that meeting. And despite mounting scientific evidence to the contrary, company officials continued to tell customers in 1991 that the standard appeared to protect even the most

'hypersensitive'' workers. Brush Wellman officials had long argued that their confidence in the standard was based on two related and, they contended, unrefuted premises. The first was that any worker who developed C.B.D. had been suddenly exposed to higherthan-allowed beryllium levels, either through equipment failure or carelessness. The other was that no one had shown that a worker who had been exposed solely to conditions that fell within the Federal standard

had developed C.B.D. There appear to be several problems with the company's contentions. For one, Mr. Eisenbud said it seemed highly unlikely that every case of C.B.D. suffered by a secretary or other nonfactory employee could be attributable to a sudden, high exposure to beryllium, given the rarity of their contact with it.

Also, no one really knows at what level the disease process can be initiated. The company's own executives acknowledged in an interview that they could not measure with accuracy the exposure to the metal by workers with C.B.D. because such exposure occurs years before the disease appears.

"There was no way of knowing what the actual exposure level of an individual was," Mr. Powers said.

Further muddying the scientific debate over safety was another little-mentioned factor. Brush Wellman apparently had little idea of the extent of the beryllium contamination inside its own factories, according to a 1989 report by a panel of the National Research Council, which advises the Government on science and technology issues.

The group, sponsored jointly by the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering, also questioned the Federal standard's safety.

"Sufficient and accurate background exposure data are lacking" in beryllium production facilities, the report found. "These would provide a sound scientific data base for establishing recommended exposure

By 1990, it was becoming increasingly clear to Brush Wellman officials that they would have to deal with a new generation of workers affected by beryllium exposure, court papers indicated.

In the past, Brush Wellman had supplemented the salary of an employee unable to work because of C.B.D. until retirement age. But now, with a test able to detect blood abnormalities and other early signs of the disease, the company faced new questions, including how to compensate afflicted workers who were not disabled.

Experts like Dr. Newman and Dr. Kreiss did not know whether removing affected workers from further contact with beryllium would affect the progress of C.B.D., but they, like other doctors, believed that it was the medically prudent course. Still, as the two Denver doctors in 1991 laid plans to conduct a large-scale health screening of Brush Wellman workers, company executives apparently had their own thoughts,

court papers indicate. In a strategic plan presented at a 1991 board meeting, one item advocated efforts to "pre-empt" doctors' recommendations to C.B.D. sufferers to avoid any further beryllium exposure. "Such a process attacks the efficacy of the existing standard," the document states.

Mr. Rozek said the company was concerned at the time that if many doctors who had little knowledge about C.B.D. recommended that their patients stop working, such suggestions could be misperceived as evidence that the standard was not working.

The refined blood test also had other implications: The potential cost of compensating all the workers diagnosed with the disease, as opposed to those actually disabled by it, could open a financial black hole,

company officials worried. To avoid that, they established a limited compensation policy: Employees who showed blood abnormalities or other signs of early-stage C.B.D. would receive up to one year in salary and benefits if they left the company and would qualify for full health care benefits if they later became unable to work because of the disease. Workers like Galen Lemke of Elmore, who had left the company before 1993 without any symptoms, might qualify for small cash payments if they ultimately came down with the disease, but those were not guaranteed.

"To lock yourself into a commitment to a policy to an unknown population didn't make economic sense to us," said Daniel A. Skoch, the company's vice president for human resources and administration.

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Sources: Bank Rate Monitor, Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer, Datas

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Democrats Return to Chicago

As the Democrats open their convention in Chicago tomorrow, President Clinton is still the front-runner, but his once-easy cruise toward reelection has run into turbulence. One of the biggest challenges facing Mr. Clinton and his party now is to make their meeting - all four days of it - interesting. They also have to figure out ways to snuff the political spark that Bob Dole got at his convention in San Diego. Perhaps most important, Mr. Clinton must clarify his goals and define his principles for voters worried that he stands for little more than winning re-election.

Democrats have long predicted that Mr. Clinton's gravity-defying lead over Mr. Dole would drop. Nevertheless, the White House seemed surprised by the lift Mr. Dole got from selecting Jack Kemp as a running mate, emphasizing tax cuts and erecting a facade of moderation on social issues. In response, the President held a flurry of bill-signings last week to appeal to interest groups and plans to announce additional initiatives during the convention. Hillary Clinton will also get a bigger role in Chicago than

Chicago was a nervy choice for a party with strong memories of the violence and discord at the 1968 convention, where the culture of dissent reached its high-water mark. An irony of history is that Mr. Clinton, a child of that earlier era, is now rushing to embrace resurgent traditional culture. He remains handicapped, however, by widespread doubts about which tradition he represents..

On specific issues, few would describe Mr. Clinton's record as consistent. He campaigned as a new kind of centrist Democrat but veered left upon taking office, raising taxes and embracing a gigantic government role in health care. Stunned by the Republican landslide in 1994, he has moved to the right on welfare, deficit reduction and social issues, from crime to schools.

There is talk of dissent among Democrats in Chicago over welfare, abortion and perhaps other causes. Mr. Clinton has promised not to copy the Republican script from San Diego and says he will

let dissidents have a sa Like others, we lament that conventions have beome places of happy talk and calculated image-maing, but at least the Republicans aired their diffrences in a vigorous primary campaign. Surely te Democrats can admit their differences without rojecting an air of chaos that convention planners aways dread.

Republicans spent mug of their convention reintroducing Mr. Dole to the ublic in sepia tones. But many voters have had enough of which candidate has the more inspiring lifestory and which most loves the values of family, wrk and neighborhood. It is time to discuss ideas and programs. Voters want to know what Mr. Clinth has in mind for the economy and the budget, as tell as in the unmet agenda for welfare, health anceducation.

Having taken the expedient path in signing a welfare measure more likely to unish the poor than help them, Mr. Clinton peeds to tell how he will insure that jobs are available folipeople who want to work, whether they are in welfare or not. He has talked of investing in education and training for the next generation. Where wil he get the money? His pledge to balance the budget in seven years is vague about spending cuts down he road. How much more can the role of the Government be cut back?

As Democrats convers on Chidago, it is worth remembering that no Amelican city has a richer history as a backdrop for te party's struggles. It was in Chicago that Adlai tevenson elevated national discourse in 1952 by pomising to "talk sense to the American people." I was where Franklin Roosevelt pledged "a new dal" in 1932 and where, a century ago, William Jennigs Bryan invented the modern Democratic Party by wresting it from decades of devotion to big buiness.

Mr. Clinton has to mate his own mark on history. He deserves great redit for his political skills and for presiding over stong economic growth and peace abroad. But voter remain anxious about the economy and other signs I decline in American life. They want a clear pictur of where he will go in the future and what principle will guide him.

Downsizing the House of Windsor

Queen Elizabeth II's father, George VI, once remarked that British royals are "not a family, we're a firm." Like any sensible C.E.O. under fire, the Queen has formed a "Way Ahead" committee to reconsider the firm's mission as it heads into a new century after a series of troubled years.

Under discussion are ideas for radically altering the crown's source of income, scrapping its role as Defender of the (Anglican) Faith, ending male primogeniture, downsizing the royal family itself and dropping the ban on marriages to Roman Catholics. The committee, consisting of the Queen, her consort, all their children and palace advisers, is committed to discussing these ideas.

The reforms seem a rational response to the outcry, including calls for abolishing the monarchy, resulting from the messy public dissolution of Prince Charles's marriage to Princess Diana. The most controversial proposal is to cease public funding of the monarchy's personal expenses through a so-called Civil List approved annually by Parliament, currently about \$14 million, in return for restoration of income from the Crown Estates. These consist of 300,000 acres, including such golden real estate as Regent Street and Trafalgar Square, whose rent and other revenues (exceeding \$100 million last year) were surrendered to Parliament by King George III in 1760.

This is a one-sided bargain, as detractors point out, and it would indeed make the palace less accountable to Parliament. But critics also com-

plain that taxpayers should nt pay for royal extravagances. Besides the CivilList, the state now covers security costs, travel epenses and the upkeep of eight royal residence, with total public funding said to be \$70 million. Pirliament is unlikely to allow a royal windfall fron crown properties.

The tentative proposals have long been in the air. Prince Charles is on record a saying he would rather be a Defender of the Faths (unspecified) than of the Faith. Allowing the firs-born to succeed to the throne irrespective of sexseems overdue. Eliminating a 295-year-old ban on the marriage of monarchs or heirs apparent to himan Catholics would expunge an invidious leftover the Reformation that Catholics have long resentd. Treating the royal family as a nuclear unit, minuscousins, uncles and aunts, also seems a wise change.

As before, the monarchy is attetive to its left flank, especially with the opposition Laborite Tony Blair and his party currently running ahead in the polls. Both Prime Minister John Najor and Mr. Blair have been apprised of the Wa Ahead talks, and Mr. Blair has already said he cold not envisage Britain without a monarchy. Hissentiment is shared by many Laborites, in part because for much of this century the royals have cultivated their working-class subjects.

The odds on the monarchy's strvival are strong, given its historic ability to adap. It retains strong public support in Britain. Habitin powerful, and may prove the crown's strongest aly.

The 'Nonworking Class'

Proponents of the draconian welfare reform just enacted in Washington say the bill will help the poor to exchange "welfare checks for paychecks." But this welfare reform will do nothing of the kind. It will terminate welfare benefits after five years throwing perhaps a million children into poverty while doing little to create jobs in distressed areas where work does not exist. Having revoked Federal support, the country has an obligation to find or help to create jobs.

When Work Disappears," a new book by the Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson, offers a sobering look at the obstacles ahead, as well as several proposals for government and private-sector action. Mr. Wilson focuses on the dismal job market in Chicago's Black Belt, but his observa-

tions apply to dozens of cities across the country. Mr. Wilson argues persuasively that urban social pathologies are related not to declining values, but to the disappearance of jobs and the social coherence they provide. One community he studied had 800 businesses 50 years ago but only 100 today. The community grew poorer as the businesses fled to the suburbs, beyond the reach of inner-city

Mr. Wilson writes that, "for the first time in the twentieth century, most adults in many inner-city ghetto neighborhoods are not working." Widespread joblessness has given rise to a "nonworking class." living in segregated neighborhoods where most residents can't find work or have given up looking. Single-parent families have become the norm, in part because "marriageable men" - men who work — have become scarce.

In the absence of work, people hav: lost the skills and concentration that work rectires and employers write them off in advance. Mr. Wilson tells us that 40 percent of Chicago's bisinesses screen out the urban poor by not advertishe entrylevel jobs in the city newspapers. Most ompanies that do advertise choose ethnic and suburtan newspapers that bypass black neighborhoods In other words, the poor are sealed off from both obs and information about them.

Deepening urban poverty worsens ratial tensions and threatens the fiscal future of the oties. By way of solutions, Mr. Wilson suggests treating higher standards for inner-city schools, restoring aid to cities to 1980 levels, expanding the imployment base through a system of public-private and city-suburban collaborations, and expanding the earned-income tax credit. His most far-reaching suggestion is to revive the Depression-era Y.P.A., providing useful public employment to every american over 18 who wants it.

This would involve political and administrative difficulties that Mr. Wilson does not begin to address. It would also be expensive. He estimates it would cost \$12 billion to create only a million bbs. The program would be aimed not just at the upan poor, he writes, but at a broad swath of the population, possibly attracting popular support. Those who would reject Mr. Wilson's solutions have an obligation to do better.

Dole's Economic Plan Is No Riverboat Gamble

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Alan Blinder (Op-Ed, Aug. 20) resurrects an old comment I once made about President Reagan's economic program — calling it a "riverboat gamble" - to attack the economic plan put forward by Bob Dole. While Mr. Reagan's program was a gamble, it largely paid off. By contrast, I do not believe Mr. Dole's plan is a gamble at all. It is a good bet.

In early 1981 I thought it was a gamble to cut taxes, reinvigorate national defense, control inflation and balance the budget at the same time. Accomplishing even one of these would have been difficult. But Mr. Reagan succeeded on each point except balancing the budget.

It is legitimate to call attention to Mr. Reagan's inability to balance the budget. But it is wrong to say, as Mr. Blinder does, that this means Bob Dole will suffer a similar result if his plan is implemented.

Whether one agrees with Law-

rence Levine or Allan Bloom about

the need for a multicultural college

curriculum ("Curriculum and Cul-

ture: New Round Is Opened in a

page, Aug. 21), one point bears keep-

ing in mind. History is made, myths

invented and art created by people

operating within particular cultural

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history, myth and art therefore de-

pend heavily on being conversant

with the cultures from which they

Colleges, however, tend vastly to

underestimate the familiarity stu-

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example, at the Ivy League school

from which I recently graduated, my

art appreciation class was one day

shown slides of Hindu-influenced

sculpture displayed in a brightly lit,

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Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 22, 1996

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To the Editor:

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The political landscape has changed radically. We now have Republican control of both houses of Congress for the first time in a generation. And Congressional Republicans have made it clear that whether Mr. Dole or Bill Clinton is President next year, they will continue to press for a balanced budget.

If Mr. Dole becomes President he will have something Ronald Reagan always wanted but never had: the line-item veto. This will insure that Congress cannot pad Presidential budgets with pork-barrel projects and other programs of dubious value.

Most of the growth in spending during the Reagan years came from uncontrolled entitlements. Today there is a much deeper understanding of this problem and a greater likelihood of achieving bipartisan 50lutions. Under the welfare bill passed by a Republican-led Congress and signed into law by President Clinton,

we have reined in an entitlement

The end of the Soviet threat means program. that it will not be necessary for Mr. Dole to engage in a massive defense spending increase, as President Rea-

gan had to do. it will be much more achievable for a President Dole to keep to his promises to balance the Federal budget and cut taxes than for President Reagan. And we do need a tax cut. Federal taxes are now at their second-highest level in American history, at 20.5 percent of the gross domestic product.

The Dole plan is no "riverboat gamble." It is a responsible approach to the twin problems of excessive taxation and sluggish HOWARD BAKER Washington, Aug. 21, 1996

The writer. Senate majority leader from 1981 to 1985, was Mr. Reagan's chief of staff. 1987-88.

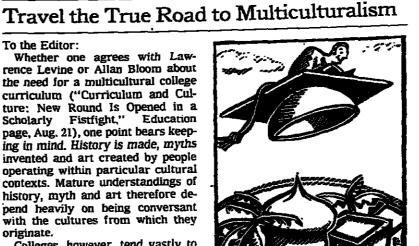
First Fix the Structure

Even if Bob Dole justifiably believes that the Federal budget can be balanced atop a 15 percent tax cut (news analysis, Aug. 20), his economic platform still fails to address the forces driving America's tenuous job

According to supply-siders, tax cuts stimulate growth and create new jobs. Our economic woes, however, extend more from the type of economy that is growing than from its rate of expansion.

Many large businesses, despite reaping record profits, are laying off employees to satisfy the stock market's preference for lean payrolls. While job growth has kept up with corporate downsizing, foreign competition and the economy's drift toward the service sector have spawned new jobs that are either low-paying or require skills that many displaced workers don't have.

Mr. Dole's prescription for the economy may give some temporary relief to strapped wage-earners. But a plan that grows the economy without attacking its structural problems will perpetuate the economic trends that have made Americans so anxious about the future. BEN KRULL New York, Aug. 22, 1996



For me, to appreciate the sculpture I needed answers to questions about everything from Hindu iconography to the significance of "art" in South Asian cultures. If we want to make higher education truly multicultural, we will have to incorporate the only tried-and-true technique for cultural immersion: an extended DOV WAISMAN New York, Aug. 21, 1996

perience of another culture's art.

Congressional Bills Belong on the Internet

Representative Rick White has introduced a resolution (H.R. 478) that would make important House documents available to citizens on the Internet. This resolution deserves

Although valuable legislative information has been placed online by Congress, committee prints and amendments to existing bills are generally not available to ordinary citizens.

Science and Tragedy

To the Editor:

The public often views science as remote and hard to understand. The Trans World Airlines Flight 800 crash investigation shows that science impacts us more than we think.

Despite its painstakingly slow ace, the inquiry represents a clear illustration of the scientific method: gathering, analyzing and comparing data with evidence gathered in related incidents; forming hypotheses; testing each hypothesis against the data collected, and, finally, reaching one or more reasonable conclusions. This meticulous scientific method represents a direct and timely benefit of science to life in our complex

GARY H. POSNER Baltimore, Aug. 23, 1996

However, these documents are made available to lobbyists who often play a role in the drafting and revision of legislation. This constitutes an unfair and unwise impediment to an open democratic pro-

Without access to timely and accurate information about emerging legislation, we are forced into a defensive position as citizens. This was demonstrated in January when the only source of up-to-date drafts of the telecommunications bill was through the Regional Bell Operating Company's Internet site. It's time for Congress to do everything possible to bring all stakeholders into the pro-TIMOTHY R. QUIGLEY New York, Aug. 22, 1996

The Best Philanthropy

To the Editor:

With reference to Maureen Dowd's Aug. 22 column, "Ted's Excellent Idea," on Ted Turner's notion of starting a philanthropic competition among American billionaires:

It has been said that if you poke deep enough, even the saints are serving self-interest. Perhaps someone should suggest to Mr. Turner that "true" generosity is anony-JOSEPH MITLOF Nyack, N.Y., Aug. 23, 1996

When Opposing Abortion Is Part of a Larger 'Ethic of Life'

To the Editor:

By noting that Buchanan supporters opposing abortion are less affluent than the typical Republican delegate, Susan Faludi ("The G.O.P.'s Back Stairs," Op-Ed, Aug. 18) succeeds in analyzing abortion as something deeper than a "backlash" against women. But she omits a major dimension of the pro-life movement that is relevant to her point.

Since Joseph Cardinal Bernardin's 1983 Fordham University address, "A Consistent Ethic of Life: An American-Catholic Dialogue," the terms "consistent ethic of life" and "seamless garment" have become reference points for a strong but media-invisible part of "the antiabortion movement." Cardinal Bernardin distinguished but then linked abortion, capital punishment, military spending and nuclear weapons, euthanasia and poverty.

Since then, a "Seamless Garment Network," comprising 140 diverse groups, including the Buddhist Vihara Society, the Dalai Lama, Feminists for Life and the Pro-life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians, has signed the Seamless Garment Mission Statement, which reads: "We

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the undersigned are committed to the protection of life, which is threatened in today's world by war, abortion, poverty, racism, the arms race, the death penalty and euthanasia. We believe that these issues are linked under a consistent ethic of life."

"Backlash" undoubtedly explains some of the fierce dedication to the abortion wars; so too do the concerns expressed in "the consistent ethic of life." JAMES R. KELLY Bronx, Aug. 21, 1996

Incompatible Theories To the Editor:

The Aug. 18 letters responding to Stephen L. Carter's Aug. 13 Op-Ed article "A Curse on Both Tents" invoke majoritarian political theory to



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justify the pro-choice position. Majoritarianism, however, was not the original justification of the abortion liberty.

Roe v. Wade was grounded in the transcendent right of personal selfdetermination — a right that overrides any contrary policy favored by a majority. The abortion liberty is thus legitimated today by incompatible theories: one based on the will of the majority, the other on the nature of the right.

Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992) did just this. The joint opinion of Justices David H. Souter, Anthony M. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor advanced the utilitarian argument that most Americans had come to accept the "essential core" of the abortion liberty. But they also argued that the "essential core" is an inviolate liberty beyond the reach of any majority.

One is left with the feeling that something disingenuous is going on DONALD P. KOMMERS Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 20, 1996 The writer is a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame.

Politics Goes to Movies

To the Editor:

That famed movie critic Bob Dole believes that America was sweet and innocent in an earlier era. What does 🗳 🔽 he make, then, of the wholesale corruption in Robert Altman's film "Kansas City," which takes place in the 1930's? FENWICK ANDERSON New Haven, Aug. 20, 1996

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NASHVILLE It made you squirm. Bob Dole was talking about the era when many people recoiled at the thought of mingling black and white blood.

"When Senator Dan Inouye was badly wounded [in World War II], he looked over at the transfusion he was being given, which was marked with the words 'Black Blood,' " Mr. Dole told the National Association of Black Journalists. "And he distinctly remembers thinking, 'I don't care who that blood came from.' And likewise, I have no idea who gave the blood that may have helped saved my life."

It was like someone trying to prove his race credentials by saying, "I have black friends." It was odd and uncomfortable, but at the same time unpolished and real, a reminder of the segregated, small-town America where Mr. Dole grew up, and a reminder of how many cultural epochs this 73-year-old has passed through.

Bob Dole was, at long last, intense and affecting, as he tried to find common ground with his audience. It was strange that it happened with this group, which may well be a lost cause for the G.O.P.

Few in the room seemed enthusiastic as they gathered to hear a Republican who had allowed his party to endorse a platform so antithetical to minority interests and had forced his running mate to renounce long-held civil rights positions.

Derrick Jackson, a Boston Globe columnist, got right to the point with Jack Kemp. "After two decades of cultivating your image as a semi-soul brother in the Republican Party, what credibility do you now have with African-American voters after turning your back on affirmative action in a mere space of two days?"

Mr. Kemp turned red and talked fast, saying he believed in "the right kind of affirmative action, small a," and signaling that he was only following orders. As ecstatic as Mr. Kemp is with his political resurrection, it must have been a humiliating moment for the man who led the Republican counterattack last year on the Dole-Canady bill, which would have ended all government affirmative action, a measure designed to set the Republicans up with a wedge issue for '96 and a startling departure from Mr. Dole's generally posi-

An audience Bob Dole can relate to.

tive record on civil rights. Both parties have been using blacks as props, while endorsing programs that would hurt minorities. In San Diego, in an effort to camouflage its punishing platform, Republican convention managers filled the stage and videos with black faces. Newt Gingrich quoted Martin Luther King Jr. and appeared in a video surrounded by black kids. Virginia, casting its votes, shamelessly proclaimed itself "the home of Arthur Ashe."

President Clinton made sure to have a black former welfare mother introduce him when he signed the welfare bill that will fall particularly hard on black children.

Any other year, it would have been the Republican signing the bill to abolish welfare and the Democrat coming to court black journalists. But this year, Bill Clinton did not show up here. He was in Washington, taking the obvious and easy political road, going after white suburban support at black inner-city expense.

And Mr. Dole was moving in the other direction, trying to force Mr. Clinton to protect his base, and reassuring those moderate Republicans who might nurse quiet prejudices but wouldn't want to be associated with a party that could be branded racist. He is trying to emulate Ronald Reagan, who put a smiling inclusive face on an Administration that was anything

Mr. Dole ended up here after he snubbed the N.A.A.C.P., saying he preferred an audience "I can relate to." He expressed regret for that. But he defended his conservative shift on affirmative action. It was hard to tell if he was making a case to those in the room, or if his real targets were the white voters who would see the speech on television.

Whatever the strategic machinations and the flips of Mr. Dole and Mr. Kemp on the issue, it was a powerful message to tell the crowd that Democrats should not "simply assume ownership of the African-American vote." and to acknowledge that "Republicans were sometimes on the sidelines of struggles when they should have

been at the center." And certainly it was nicer to listen to this attempt at harmony than the attempts at disharmony in '88, when it was not Lincoln Republicans evoked on the campaign trail, but Willie Horton.

Thomas L. Friedman is on vacation. realm but not widely known else-

Clinton Does Battle With Chicago '68

By Paul Berman

ery now and then, one of America's political parties finds a perfect accusation to throw at its electoral enemies - an accusation so devastating and impressive that whole generations have to come and go before the charge loses force.

The greatest example was the accusation that was lodged against the Democrats in 1864, in the middle of the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln and the Republicans accused the Democrats of being the party of Southern secession, and the charge proved so effective at the polls that the Republicans kept repeating it for decades to come. In that manner, during the entire period from Lincoln's day until 1912, the Republicans won the White House in 11 out of 13 elections.

The Democrats came up with an accusation of their own in 1932, at the depth of the Great Depression. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Democrats blamed Herbert Hoover and the Republican Party for the economic collapse. It was an excellent accusation. The Democrats stuck with it for 40 years and more. And never once did they have reason to regret doing so.

The grand accusation that figures in the politics of today — the charge against which Bill Clinton has had to struggle (and lately he's done so with a lot of skill) — got its start in 1968. The Vietnam War, the race riots, the university uprisings and the assassi-

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nations of President John F. Kennedy, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy meant that once again the country was in a bad way.

In that context, Richard Nixon and the Republicans gazed at the Democrats' 1968 convention in Chicago. They watched a Democratic constituency - the antiwar protesters taunt the Chicago cops and get brained for doing it. And the grand new accusation, the devastating and impressive charge that has lasted for decades, went spilling from Republican lips. It was the accusation that Democrats encouraged lawnessness, drugs, sex, draft-dodging and college layabouts.

The accusation has proved hardy. Elections have come and gone since then, but the accusation rests eternal. If the personal attacks on Mr. Clinton have radiated an exceptional nastiness over these past four years, it is because the particular charges against him - the alleged womanizing, non-inhalation and draft-dodging

draw strength from the original complaint of 1968. (In the typology of scandals, Whitewater figures as more of a Republican-type affair and has no ideological underpinning.)

When Bob Dole responds to Mr. Clinton's birthday celebration by accusing the White House of being run by people from an "elite" who have never suffered and have never grown up, he is merely hitting the old accusatory note and in its classic generational form: the World War II veteran fuming at the Vietnam War protester from a fancy university. And when Mr. Dole says that he remembers a better America, everybody knows precisely when that longlost world of his imaginings used to

exist: before 1968, before the elite

lavabouts with their low morals came on the national scene.

The charge that dates from 196 differs from those of 1864 and 1932 one important respect. In some cofner of their partisan souls, the tagets of those earlier accusations reognized their own guilt.

The 19th-century Democrats id bear a responsibility for the Avil War, as did the Republicans of the 1920's for the Great Depression and there was no point in claiming ofter-

But what does the accusation from 1968 specify? It says that the arriwar

Democrats finally reclaim a mainstream image.

protest movement's low norals and lack of reverence for tradition and authority undid the culture of America, and that the consequences have been sociological: crime illegitimacy, AIDS and so forth.

Yet when the forme/ protesters and their cultural desceidants, most them currently in arnated as Democratic liberals, size back on the protest movement of the 1960's, they see something ele.

They see two grand and admirable causes: the civil rights movement and the antiwar movement - surrounded by a constellation of other movements and impulses, not all of them admirable (tlough there are some people who insist on viewing everything as admirable). They see several advances for democracy and individual liberty and a certain spirit of cultural mayhem. They see a puzzling foodness for political stances that were often self-defeating. But they do not see the caricature offered by their accusers.

On the other hand, they do see how even their own accusers have benefited from the radical past. They see how at San Diego the same Bob Dole who regrets the disappearance of the pre-1968 America surrounded himself with symbols of the post-1968 era. For there was Gen. Colin Powell, who has done honor to, among other things, affirmative action. And there was Representative Susan Molinari, who has enjoyed the freedom to experiment with drugs in college (even though she now claims to regret this action), the freedom to walk away from her first marriage without opprobrium and the freedom to pursue a professional career. She is, to Democratic eyes, someone who has lived the life of a liberated woman, post-

So Democratic liberals examine the accusation against them and cannot really understand it; and they examine their accusers, whom they understand all too well, and they sputter. Which is to say the liberals are left befuddled and speechless, except for the feeble cry of hypocrisy, and they have been left that way

In the years from 1968 until the Clinton era, the Democrats responded to the accusation against them by nominating, election after election. candidates of obvious rectitude. But having endured one too many electoral defeats, the Democrats came up with Mr. Clinton in 1992.

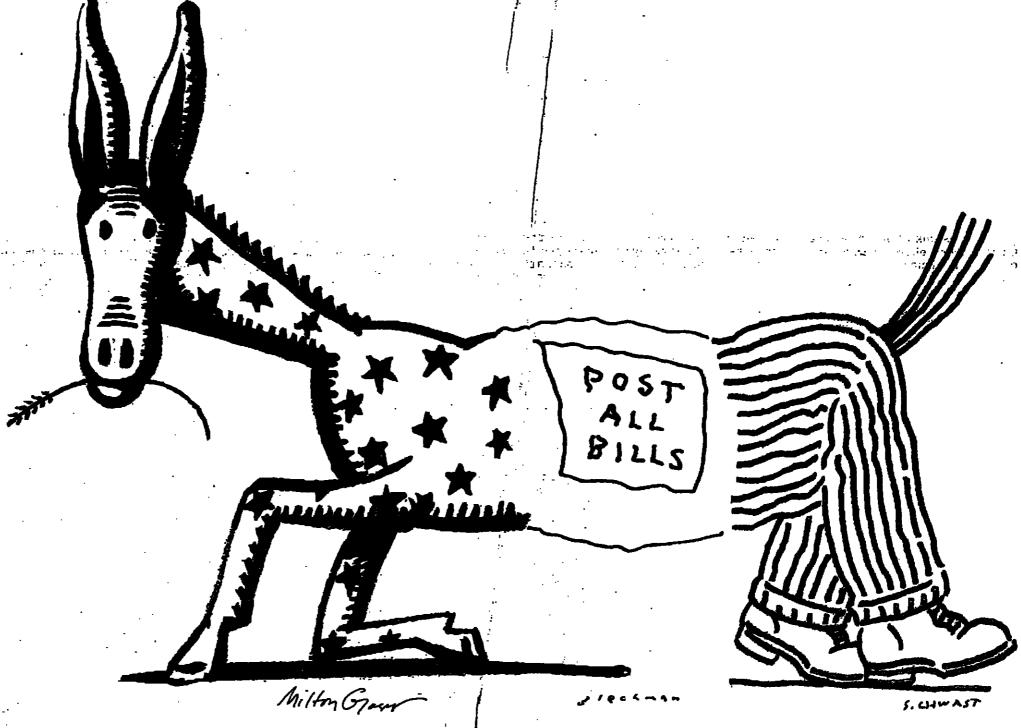
You might suppose that he would be the most vulnerable of candidates. since he is the first Democratic leader whose past even remotely resembles the Republican caricature. But Mr. Clinton has responded by adopting the sort of maneuverability that allows him, when the Republicans prattle about family values, to outprattle the prattlers - and, when the Republicans veer right, to veer one

inch to their left The return to Chicago for this Democratic convention is bound to afford Mr. Clinton and his supporters a limitless opportunity for beating the Republicans to their own punch. For this week's scenes of former protesters hobnobbing with Chicago cops will be wondrous, and no room will be left for an angry accusation.

'aturally, Mr. Clinton's maneuverings do not always endear him to his party's traditioual constituents - me. for example. But Mr. Clinton has learned from Richard Nixon that winning and being loved are not the same thing.

The Republicans see that, too. They hurl the word "waffling" in Mr. Clinton's face. After the President signed the unfortunate welfare bill last Thursday, Mr. Dole complained that the President is "ideologically adrift." But Mr. Clinton is bound to think: So what? To accuse a man of drifting is not like accusing him of undermining the national morality. .

On the contrary, the complaint about drifting shows that here is a genuinely clever politician, the first on the Democratic side in a long time - someone with the talent to cope with the Republican accusation that for almost 30 years has dealt so many defeats to the Democrats.



My Five Minutes With 'Da Mare'

By Ward Just

WEST TISBURY, Mass. n the summer of 1959 there was a problem at the Chicago bureau of Newsweek. The political season was under way and no one in the office had Mayor Richard J. Daley's ear. Whatever was going to happen at

the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles the following summer and in the Presidential election would depend to no small degree on what The Man in City Hall thought and did. Kennedy? Humphrey? Adlai again? At the time his cards were so close to his vest as to be invisible. All that was known for sure was that he hated Richard Nixon even more than he hated reporters.

What a bonanza for the magazine if one of us could win his confidence. then persuade him to tip his hand. But we had no way in. The bureau chief, who had a reputation as a reporter with an abundant supply of juicy quotes and anecdotes (as the phrase at the magazine was then, and perhaps still is), was especially vexed.

It is not hard to convey the persona of Richard J. Daley, "Da Mare," the Boss of Bosses. He was then a purely local figure, a colossus in his own

where. He seemed to combine the authority and mystery of Stalin with the all-seeing eye of your mother. Weeks would pass without a sighting, then he would erupt in the pages of The Tribune or The Daily News de-

Daley couldn't understand why he wasn't re-elected unanimously.

nouncing some slander on the city's good name — the usual charges of payoffs, vote fraud, extortion or racketeering. Such accusations were, in his memorable phrase, "unwarranted slurs." He drew no distinction between his city and the machine; they were the same thing.

The health of Chicago was always superb and improving and would be more superb still if his ill-informed enemies would shut up. Why, the city was booming. Everyone could see the splendid results: old buildings torn down, new buildings put up. Everyone was sharing in the city's renaissance.

Daley believed he had contrived a pie with an infinite number of slices; a slice was yours for the asking, so long as you agreed to do the right thing at election lime. I think he could not understand why he was not elected unanimously or, indeed, why mayoral elections were needed at all. The ple was so large, and it was

perverse to refuse your slice. Theselare the facts as I remember them toliay. Perhaps they were not so clearin my mind in the summer of 1959 when I reported for work at the Newsweek bureau. I was 23 years old. What I didn't know would fill an encyclopedia. But I thought I had the

solution to the magazine's problem.

Chicago was then turned in on itself, landlocked, the bathtub called Lake Michigan not a way out but a dead end. The region was caught in a cruel vise, the debauched coasts pressing in upon it and derisory of its "provincial squeamishness," in F. Scott Fitgerald's phrase. Nothing squeamish about Da Mare, but he hadnis share of prairie resentments. Newsweek would not be his mouthpiece of choice. (It has to be said that Time would have been even worse.) But if somehow someone could

beneficial all around? The Mayor

yould have a megaphone to the out-

find his ear or, better yet, lead him to that ear - well then, wouldn't that be

side world and that someone would have a solid gold source that would pay dividends in perpetuity.

My great-grandfather, George B. Swift, was Mayor of Chicago. Family lore has it that the great park in back of the Art Institute was to be named Swift Park until he insisted it be named for his personal hero, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Stories of Mayor Swift's tenure in City Hall were not plentiful but his benevolent spirit put in an occasional appearance at our

dinner table. Can it not be said that politics, like blue eyes or vast wealth, is a legacy that is passed on through the generations? Were not Richard J. Daley and I in a certain sense kin?

believed that if we could only meet, long dormant ancestral memories would assert themselves and the Mayor and I would form the kind of friendship in which the cards are dealt face up - the kind of friendship in which you don't have to finish your sentences, so complete is the mutual confidence and understanding.

This Mayor needed a translator. And I was just the fellow to supply the language.

So I approached one of his aides and in due course a meeting was arranged. Fi', six minutes, tops. I

remember the office as small and nondescript. The Mayor was not at all nondescript, a burly, heavy-faced, immaculately barbered figure who put out his hand, withdrew it at once and settled into his chair without a word.

Then he said, What do you want? I said I wanted to meet him, admired him for years, et cetera, my own family, mother's side, Chicago-

ans for generations ... He looked at me sideways, his fingers on the lapel of his suit coat, the

coat of a thick serge that could stop a machine gun bullet. "As a matter of fact, my great-

grandfather was Mayor of Chicago." "That so? Which one?"

"George B. Swift."

"Republican, wasn't he?" the Mayor snarled, settling back in his chair, his fingers flicking an imaginary ash from his lapel. No need to ask who or what the ash represented.

I never saw him again. But in a few days I'll be watching his boy, Richie, chat up Mr. Tom and Mr. Peter and Mr. Dan and all the lesser Toms, Peters and Dans. And I'll reflect just how far the news has come in 37 years. Richie Daley will not be wearing a vest; and he doesn't hold any cards, either.

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Running From the Past: Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder

By JON PARELES

N 1996, politicians aren't the only ones running away from their past records. So are rock bands who worry about becoming too big and too predictable, a parody of their own hits. Success in rock always meant increasing pressure from both fans and corporate interests. But now, for rockers who have absorbed the underdog mentality of punk and alternative rock, it also means shame: If we're that popular. we must not be taking enough chances.

On Pearl Jam's fourth album, "No Code" (Epic), the band tries desperately to get away from the hard-rock muscle and deep-seated hooks that made it the most influential rock band of the 1990's. The question is whether it can find something to replace them.

In song after song, Eddie Vedder's lyrics grope for a way to escape a constricting identity. He wants "to transcend where we are," as he sings in "Who You Are," the album's first single. "Who You Are" ponders the roles of both the band and its audience, using a quasi-Indian drone instead of typical Pearl Jam power chords. It's only one of the album's stylistic curveballs.

On "No Code," the band rummages through rock, especially late-1960's rock, looking for a sequel to grunge. It's a scattered album, tentative and sometimes enervated, as the music backs away from climaxes. While it's trying not to sound like a band of overbearing superstars, Pearl Jam asks for a different indulgence from its fans: that they'll play "No Code" enough to let the songs sink in slowly. About half are worth

Since the release of its first album, "Ten," in 1991, Pearl Jam has seen its music become the mass-marketed face of alternative rock, largely because its sturdy power chords and Vedder's brawny baritone sound a lot like good old heavy metal. It barely mattered that from the beginning. Vedder proclaimed self-doubt and uncertainty rather than heavy metal's fantasies of invincibility. Around the country, FM radio disk jockeys now happily growl the words "Pearl Jam" the way they used to say "Led Zeppelin." Between Pearl Jam albums came imitators: Stone Temple Pilots, Seven Mary Three and even lesser lights. Vedder can hear his most offhand mannerisms reproduced any time he turns on the



Jeff Ament, left, Eddie Vedder and Stone Gossard of Pearl Jam, the most influential rock band of the 90's—Asking the fans to let its new songs sink in slowly.

radio. "It's all just inadvertent imitation," the guitarist Stone Gossard sings in "Mankind," a mocking new wave rocker.

Vedder wasn't having much fun anyway. No rock star has seemed more publicly burdened by his vocation than Vedder. He devoted much of Pear! Jam's previous album, "Vitalogy" (1994), to agonizing over his relationship with the public and the music business, over how to stay honest amid conflicting demands. -

After that album came a reality check, a reminder of a band's limited power in the business world. Pearl Jam challenged Ticketmaster, saying that the company had a stranglehold on the concert business and was overcharging fans. But the Justice Department decided not to prosecute, and Pearl Jam's 1995 attempt to tour sites not controlled by Ticketmaster collaped soon afterward. (Tickets for its current tour, which comes to Downing Stadium on Sept. 28-29, are sold by Fans Tours and Tickets, not Ticketmaster.)

America's most popular rock band had found a way to feel like an underdog anyway. But it is determined to change its

music. Only two rockers on "No Code" cling to the old Pearl Jam style. In "Hail," the singer struggles to hold together a troubled romance ("Are we bound out of obligation? Is that all we've got?"); in "Habit," he bitterly watches friends turn into addicts. Another rocker, "In My Tree," brings new intensity to the percession drive of "W.M.A." (from Pearl Jam's second album, "Vs."). As Yedder sings about being alone and out on a limb, where he can get "a glimpse of my innocence," the band builds a spiraling crescendo tiat's part Bo Diddley, part military paradiddle, part U2 strumming. All three songs distill

urgent, raw-throated singing. Yet more of the album is deliberately muted. 'Sometimes," another song about the singer trying to "seek my part," might easily have been

agitation into furious guitars and

turned into a broad-shouldered rocker; it has a riff, a repeating vocal phrase and a bridge that could climb toward an arena-rock peak. Instead, the song opens the album with introspection, matching the song's lyrics about "my small self" with gentle picking, and almost saving it from its highfalutin image of God as an artist with "large fingers pushing

For most of the album, Vedder is isolated and morose, trying to cultivate detachment or to comfort himself with psychobabble and music. In the 62-second "Lukin," a punky rant about being stalked by a fan, he howls, "Stop at the supermarket/ People stare like I'm a dog." But that song's impotent fury is immediately followed by the subdued 'Present Tense" in which Vedder asks in a quiet, broken voice, "Are you getting something out of this allencompassing trip?"; he concludes, "You're the only one who cannot

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forgive yourself/ Makes much more sense to live in the present tense." Around the self-help platitude, the band is restless and mercurial, moving from an austere bass-and-guitar dialogue into pounding three-chord rock and then to an ethereal march; the music rises toward wordless consolation. It's not the only song in which the

music is smarter than the words. In "I'm Open," Vedder recites a portrait of someone lying in bed depressed, hoping to "dream up a new self," but it's saved from its own pretensions by the band's chiming, tolling accompaniment and a plain but eerie chorus: "I'm open, come in." The song, along with "Who You Are" and "In My Tree," may reflect Vedder's collaboration with Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, the Pakistani master of qawwali devotional singing, on the "Dead Man Walking" soundtrack. He has learned the meditative and dramatic potential of the drone.

The album also echoes another side project, Neil Young's "Mirror knows that it has to move on.

ASPIRATIONS

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Ball." on which he was backed by Pearl Jam. The band must be impressionable; "Smile," starts out as a straightforward Young imitation, complete with harmonica, before shifting into an anthemlike Pearl Jam chorus. Vedder sings like Young in "Off He Goes," a morose folk-rock song in which Vedder might be describing himself in the third person, as a careworn character whose "thoughts are too big for his size."

Vedder isn't hiding his worries on "No Code." But too often, he falls into American culture's Disney syndrome, idealizing childhood innocence above all. The album's last song, "Around the Bend," is a lullaby in which the singer tells a sleeping child, "How I want your soul to keep." Vedder's lyrics bemoan a maturity that means "trading magic for fact," as if regression or arrested development were noble goals. They're not; they're dead ends or delusions. The band, meanwhile.

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From TV to Jane Austen

By TODD S. PURDUM

WASHINGTON T is 10 o'clock in the morning, and Douglas McGrath is still waking up. "Any time before noon is a shock for me," he says genially as he contemplates the breakfast menu in the sunny dining room of the Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown. "Then again, I've been in a state of shock for a year."

This particular morning, Mr. Mc-Grath could be forgiven for being in shock. He has just made his directorial debut with "Emma," one of the most ballyhooed movies of the year, for which he also wrote the screenplay. Last night, he flew in from his home in Manhattan to preview it at the White House, and sat next to the President of the United States. The closest he had come to Bill Clinton before that was as creator of "The Flapjack File," The New Republic magazine's desultory running parody of the First Family's doings from a Secret Service agent's view.

"The Flapjack File" is a devastating send-up of President Clinton as a waffling fat-food fanatic married to someone known as Mrs. Rodham Flap and attended by a key aide referred to only as "Mr. Steph." This parody followed one on the Bush Administration, called "The Shrub File," which began when Mr. Mc-Grath submitted an account of President George Bush's sudden "sushirefunding," as he puts it, at a state dinner in Japan.

But Mr. McGrath is neither too tired nor too shocked to be funny this morning. His eye alights on a low-fat selection billed as "birchermuseli." a concoction of grains, nuts and lemon juice, and his lips pickle and his high forehead furrows in a frown. "Sounds like John Birchermueseli to me," he mutters. When the waiter arrives, Mr. McGrath has something altogether different in mind: "You don't," he purrs, "happen to have a croissant that's collided with a piece of chocolate, do you?"

When a pot of English breakfast tea arrives with an extra pot of hot water, he pulls another face and fingers the lids. "Do you suppose one of these has poison in it and the other doesn't?"

Mr. McGrath offers up a constant stream of epigrams, aphorisms, wit-ticisms and adverbial asides like "funnily enough," all delivered with perfect diction in the drollest of deadpans. He long ago learned that he could make money being funny and he has the resume to prove it. His first job out of Princeton in 1980 was as a writer for "Saturday Night

How a wittily droll writer

became director of 'Emma.'

Live," and after more than a decade kicking around in the business, he hit the big-time in 1994 writing the Oscar-nominated screenplay for "Bullets Over Broadway" with Woody

He is also nothing if not self-confident. He proposed to direct "Emma" with practically no directing experience since his college days, and his next project is to be a one-man political satire off-Broadway. Still, that is a long way from Jane Austen's effervescent comedy of 19th century manners. What's a nice little satirist like him doing in a Hollywood maelstrom like this? In fact, he says, he had loved the novel for years, and always dreamed of making the movie. So while "Bullets Over Broadway" was being filmed,

he simply drafted a screenplay. "I thought when it opens, there'll be a window, but a little one - and it'll be open for about one second when people think, 'Hey, who's this guy working with Woody, and what else does he have and what else does he want to do?" Mr. McGrath recalled. "And I thought I should have something that would be harder to sell in a normal time, when I haven't just collaborated with a big genius. And this was before, of course, I knew that Jane Austen was going to turn out to be the John Grisham of

the Romantic novel set." "I thought Jane Austen would be a good collaborator," he continues, because she writes, you know, superb dialogue, she creates memorable characters, she has an extremely clever skill for plotting - and she's dead, which means, you know, there's none of that tiresome arguing over who gets the bigger bun at coffee time."

Mr. McGrath took his screenplay to the folks at Miramax, which had released "Bullets Over Broadway." They bit, and even agreed to let him direct. Next thing he knew, Mr. Mc-Grath was in England for a rigorous 41-day shooting schedule, shepherding a sterling British cast led by one celebrated American ringer, Gwyneth Paltrow.

"If I hadn't been told, I would never have known that he was a first-time director," said Toni Collette, the Australian star of "Muriel's Wedding" who plays Harriet Smith, the object of Emma's well-intended but disastrous romantic scheming. "His passion to adapt the novel brought about a certain empathy. He knew what he wanted, he was so calm, so specific. I can't say enough good abouthim."

The closest Mr. McGrath came to Austen growing up was the town in Texas, where his father, a transplanted Connecticut Yankee, was an oil producer in Midland. But he says he feels comfortably familiar with the novelist's tight little slice of genteel British life in which Emma Woodhouse, matchmaker and meddler, comes to learn just how much she has to learn.

"I don't really thinkher world and Woody's world are soldifferent," he says. "It's a pretty small circle of society that they look at the characters are very articulate in both worlds, they are usually, you know, fairly well to do, they have a great gift for speech and yet at the same time, no gift for actually understanding themselves at all. Nobody sees a shrink in her books, but other than that they're not so far apart in a tonal way."

Mr. McGrath got his start in college writing orginal musicals for the Princeton Triangle Club, the venerable troup whose alumni range from F. Scott Fitzgerald to James Stewart and Jose Ferrer. While others concentrated on the club's annual spring extravaganzas, Mr. McGrath wrote and directed two smaller fall offerings, a first for the group.

"He made some statement I saw recently writing them off as youthful works, as opposed to his biting wit now," says Clark Gesner, a fellow Triangle graduate trustee and the author of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." "But they were sweet and tender and romantic, beautifully crafted little cameo musicals."
From there, Mr. McGrath wound

up at "Saturday Night," during the first fallow year after John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd and company left, a time he says that "helped teach the nation it wasn't such a good idea to hurry home from that party and watch the show."

But the experience brought him an enduring friendship with a fellow writer, Patricia Marx, who not only urged him to read "Emma" but eventually collaborated with him on a novel, "Blockbuster," which purported to be the true tale of a Spielbergian director's effort to win acclaim as a serious artist by adapting "The Pilgrim's Progress" for the

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Polls apart

EVENTY-ONE. Fifteen. Bump. No, that is not the sigal ex-quarterback, and now Republican vice-presidential nomince, Jack Kemp is calling after the party emerged from its recent convention in San Diego. But, with 71 days from now to the November 5 election, national political observers are keenly focused on numbers.

A New York Times/CBS poll conducted post-San Diego and released last Tuesday found that Dole had cut President Bill Clinton's lead in half (50% to 39%) as compared to before the Republican convention (56%-34%). The parties' faithful are divided in interpreting Dole's upwards "bump." Democratic pollster Mark Mellman said, "We shouldn't make too much of this," his cynicism echoed by Republican consultant Ed Mahe: The polls that showed such a big [Clinton] lead were as phony as a \$3 bill at the racetrack."

Mellman's polls in recent months showed Clinton with a 15 to 17 percentage point lead over Dole, numbers he calls far more realistic than polls that indicated a 20 to 30 percent gap. Mellman said he is optimistic Clinton's lead will prevail both based on the hard numbers and history: "Nobody has come from behind out of his convention and won. [In 1988] Michael Dukakis was ahead -and lost. But no one's been behind and

Mahe said early-summer polls showing Dole's numbers in the 30s were misleading because one has to assume that each major party candidate begins with a base of 41 or 42 per cent and works up or down from there through the autumn. Besides, he asserted, polls mean nothing now anyway.
"Clinton's numbers will go up now but it doesn't matter. People aren't

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voting next week!" Independent analysts attribute part of Dole's bump to Kemp being added to the ticket. But they

In the days leading up to this week's Democratic convention, political eyes were on that pervasive presence: Polls. Hillel Kuttler reports.

disaster, Clinton's lead will hold and he'll be elected to a second term, the first Democrat to have done so since Franklin D. Roosevelt. The reason? The economy. With unemployment, the deficit and inflation all down, people are unlikely to boot an incumbent President from office, they

Besides, they argue that Dole's bump is only temporary since Clinton will benefit from his own bump by the time the Democrats leave Chicago this week. "I think frankly we won't have much of a sense whether Dole gains anything from the convention period, until after the Democratic convention, until after Labor Day week," said campaign expert Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution. When his bump is accounted for, he said, Clinton will be "in a position to start the fall campaign with a lead of ten points or so, which would make it hard for him to be caught."

Said CNN analyst William Schneider: "You have to wait until both conventions are over and opinions settle down a little bit [But] the underlying forces in this election seem to favor Bill

The economy is good, there are no foreign policy threats. He does have some problems: People don't entirely trust him."

AS IN 1992, international affairs are "just not a major concern" to voters in this campaign and will play little role in influencing them in November, Schneider said.

be careful" because despite sponsoring peace agreements in the Middle East and Bosnia, restoring democracy to Haiti and directing sanctions at Iran, Libya and Cuba, trouble could return at any time and create a distracting crisis,

Schneider said. So, what issues will the two candidates run on? Mann said Clinton will stress economic growth, particularly in the last quarter.

He will also defend his signing this month of legislation to increase the minimum wage by arguing that Washington must work to extend the benefits of economic growth to all.

Clinton will continue to pull the rug out from under the Republicans by stressing the importance of values and personal responsibility and trumpeting his anti-crime initiatives, Mann said. Clinton also stands to benefit from health care and welfare reform legislation he signed into law this

And Dole? Schneider said he will run on three issues: "Taxes, taxes, taxes. He'll play for the middle class vote."

Not even Reform Party founder Ross Perot's recent entry into the race, said Schneider, is likely to eat into Clinton's lead, the way it took votes away from the previous incumbent, George Bush. Schneider predicted that if the election tightens, Perot will siphon votes from Dole instead of

The bottom line, said Mann, is this: "When Presidents run for rere-elected."

In the two-plus months leading up to the presidential election, Ira Forman of the National Jewish Democratic Council and Matt Brooks of the Republican-oriented National Jewish Coalition will traverse the country - sometimes together - arguing for why Jews should vote for Bill Clinton or Bob

Here, in a nutshell, is a preview: FORMAN: American Jews vote Democratic - period. The numbers are convincing. According to the American Jewish Congress, 86 percent of Jews voted for Bill Clinton in 1992, versus only 10 percent for President Bush. The only close competition for Jewish votes recently was in 1980, when President Carter earned 45 percent, Ronald Reagan 39 percent and independent John Anderson 14 percent.

Dole's selection of the ardently pro-Israel Jack Kemp as his running mate was a brilliant move but not enough to make a dent because Dole's career shows inconsistency on Israel issues.

"He could have picked Herzl and it wouldn't have helped him,"said Forman, The NJDC this summer released a report documenting why Dole "can run but he can't hide" from a record that includes calling Jews "greedy" for advocating con-tinued foreign aid to Israel. The group is therefore cynical about Dole's sponsorship of the 1995 bill to relocate the US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

BROOKS: Jewish fears that under Dole the country will veer to the fringe, particularly to the religious right, are misplaced.
The Republicans at their San

Diego convention "demonstrated to the American people that extremism won't be tolerated in the Republican party. Tolerance will be celebrated ... The Democrats want to show that the Republican party was captive to Pat Buchanan. It was not," Brooks



merely taken "credit for a lot of the record George Bush and [former Secretary of State] James Baker set up in the peace process."

"If you scratch Bill Clinton's record on Israel, you'll find there's nothing." Dole's record on Israel

has been "grossly distorted."

Chuck Brooks (no relation to Matt Brooks), said that the nonpartisan group he directs, the National Political Action Committee, has raised \$320,000 so far. It expects to collect \$500,000,

candidates for House and Senate seats. NATPAC has received from even candidates in rural, non-Jewish areas, position papers Brooks calls "very pro-Israel.

He said that in conversations with Jewish givers across the country, "people are energized" about the addition of Kemp to the national ticket - even those who traditionally vote Democrat.

He expects the move to give a boost to fundraising in New York, a bastion of Jewish liberalism. But, Brooks said, "There's a level of comfort with Clinton."

which it will distribute to pro-Israel Democratic and Republican Clinton "will tout his foreign polielection when the economy is - said. believe that barring an unforeseen cy record but even then he has to doing pretty well, they usually get On Israel, President Clinton has Attorney-General's discretion reviewed

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, before Justices Gavriel Bach, Eliyahu Mazza, and Ya'acov Kedmi, in the matter of Uri Ganor and others, petitioners, versus the Attorney-General and Avner Hai Shaki M.K., respondents (H.C. 3425, 3637, 4456194).

VNER Shaki, a former minister for religious affairs, was suspected of matters investigated by the police. One concerned contributions to an amuta (a non-profit organization) which he was alleged to have misappropriated, and the other related to his alleged improper conduct as a member of the ministerial committee for the distribution of deceased estates' monies transferred to the State of

In the contributions matter the attorneygeneral Michael Ben-Yair decided there was insufficient prima-facie evidence to support the allegations. Regarding the ministerial committee, he was of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence, but that the public interest did not justify taking further action.

While, therefore, censuring Shaki in the strongest terms, he decided not to prosecute him at all.

The petitioners submitted the attorneygeneral's decisions were seriously and materially unreasonable, and were based on irrelevant and improper considerations. They therefore urged the court to set them

JUSTICE BACH delivered the court's judgment. Citing precedent, he reiterated that the court's intervention in the

Attorney-General's decisions was very rare, and was justified only where there had been a clear, glaring and extreme error. The fact that the court would perhaps have reached a different conclusion was not

Referring also to other authority including Sheftel's case (H.C.223/88, The Jerusalem Post of November 22, 1989), he pointed out that the court was particularly al's opinion that the evidence was insufficient to justify a prosecution. Citing, interalia, Maoz's case (H.C.3846/91, The Post of January 4, 1993), he added that even if there was prima-facie evidence of a crime, the fact that the prospects of a conviction were very weak justified closing the file.

The court did not act as a kind of superior attorney-general examining the evidence in all its detail. In the present case the attorney-general's decision in the contributions matter was not utterly unreasonable, particularly since there was evidence that Shaki had returned certain monies to the amuta in excess of what he was alleged to have received unlawfully in a particular transaction - a feature which certainly negatived any criminal intent on his part.

He found, therefore, there was insufficient basis for the court's intervention as to the weight of evidence against Shaki.

IN REGARD to the ministerial committee he continued, the attorney-general had decided that, prima facie, Shaki had knowingly participated in decisions to transfer monies to amutot established by his relatives and friends. It appeared, therefore, he said, citing Suissa's case (H.C.7074/93, The Post of May 2, 1994), that Shaki was

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guilty of fraud and breach of trust by a public servant, affecting the public, under section 284 of the Penal Law of 1977.

Despite his above finding on the evidence, the attorney-general declined to prosecute Shaki on the ground that no pubest would be served by so doing to the following reasons: the ministerial committee, then composed of politicians, which invited conflicts of interest, was replaced by one of public figures chaired by a retired judge; the monies in question had in fact not been transferred to the amutot; the time which elapsed since the acts complained of: and Shaki's actions were directed to benefit the community and not his family or associates.

He added that there could be difficulty in persuading the Knesset to lift Shaki's

The attorney-general's decision, Justice Bach said, was very surprising. There was almost a presumption that the prosecution of a public servant for breach of faith was a matter of public interest. The legislature had emphasized this aspect by including the words "affecting the public" in section 284 above.

Of course, the near-presumption could be rebutted, but only in the most convincing and exceptional circumstances. Citing Ganor's case (H.C.935/89, The Jerusalem Post Law Reports, p.143), he said the attorney-general had to weigh which would better serve the social values of the community-prosecuting the offender or declining to prosecute.

He was to consider, inter alia, the nature of the offence; the standing of the alleged offender; the need to ensure that public confidence in its leaders' integrity; and the fair, efficient, and impartial functioning of the judicial process, would not be

the attorney-general's grounds for his decision. There was no proof that the ministeras men cor conflicts of interests," and even if it did, there was a vast difference between conflicts of political interests and unlawfully

promoting personal interests.

He added, citing Darwish's case (Cr.A.121/88, and Cr.F. 465/86, *The Post* of March 7, 1988), that unlawful acts becoming the norm did not justify their continuance. The reconstitution of the committee on a different basis did not affect the duty of the legal anthorities to apply the law to what was done before that, and the monies not having actually been transferred did not mitigate the gravity of the offence.

Citing Ganor's case (supra) and Tsofan's case (H.C.425/89, The Jerusalem Post Law Reports, p.133), he held, in the circumstances, that the long delay was relevant to the question of sentence alone. He also rejected the ground that the monies involved were designed to benefit the public and not Shaki himself, or his family or associates.

A benefit enjoyed by a public servant in committing a breach of trust under section 284 need not be money. It could also be the status and esteem enjoyed by the founders and supporters of an amuta which succeeded in receiving substantial sums for public

He also ruled that possible difficulty in the Knesset's lifting Shaki's immunity was totally irrelevant. While appreciating the effect of the attorney-general's censure of Shaki's conduct, he held it was no substitute for a prosecution.

For the above reasons the petitions relat-He then examined in some detail each of ing to the allegation of misappropriation were dismissed. The petitions relating to the ministerial committee were allowed, prosecute Shaki was set aside.

> SINCE THE attorney-general had decided that prosecuting Shaki in the ministerial committee matter was unjustified for lack of public interest, there was then no need to grant him a hearing on the question of the evidence against him. In this matter, therefore, he was ordered to reconsider whether there was sufficient evidence after granting Shaki a hearing to explain and justify his

> The attorney-general was also ordered to consider whether there was sufficient evidence to prosecute Shaki under section 278 of the Penal Law for exercising administrative powers, as a public servant, in respect of property in which he had a private inter-

There was no order as to costs.

ADVOCATE Ganor appeared in person, and Ido Shapiro and Shraga Eliad appeared for the other petitioners; Yehoshua Resnik, Deputy State Attorney in Criminal Matters, appeared for the attorney-general; and Dr. Amnon Goldenberg and Aran Barakat appeared for Shaki.

The judgment was given on August 7,

Guard babies' hearing in the womb

EARTHLY CONCERNS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Britain and Germany have all joined together to reduce, by law, noise in the workplace. For most people this is only a matter of comfort for the workers, but, in fact, it is a far more serious question. Pregnant women who work in noisy surroundings may be endangering the future hearing of their unborn child.

While most countries set a noise level of no more than 80-90 decibels over an eight hour work day as a safe level of noise for employees, these levels may be far too high for the pregnant woman and her fetus. Up until now it has been maintained that research shows no damage to the fetus from exposure at these "safe" levels and indeed, tests on newborns whose mothers were exposed to up to 100 decibels during pregnancy showed that the baby was not impaired.

This, however, seems to be due to the fact that hearing tests were performed during the first weeks of life and according to a recent Canadian study, the damage to the auditory system does not show up until several years later. A study of 131 children tested between the age of four to eight years of age whose mothers had worked, while pregnant with that child, in a noise conditions of 65-95 decibels for eight hours a day was most provocative. These children showed a three-fold increase in hearing loss as compared to a similar group of children whose mothers had not been so exposed.

An even more significant level of hearing loss was found in cases where the noise exposure had contained a strong component of low frequency noise. Experiments have shown that low frequency noises generated outside the mother's body are enhanced as they pass through the amniotic fluid. In this case a low hum to the mother's ears is a cacophony of sound to the embryo. This is especially important since most standards for noise emission do not take the spectrum of emitted noise into consideration

In a second study, thirty five out of seventy five children whose mothers had been exposed to 100 decibels for eight hours a day showed significant hearing impairment. Since even minimal hearing tant factor in some learning disabilities this is to be taken most seriously. Children with impaired hearing show a 21.4 percent incidence of learning disability as compared with a normal range of 4.8 per cent. A lot of research is going to have to be done before anyone can say

with certainty just how much noise is safe for the unborn child and to determine the spectrum of noise levels that may be harmful. Certainly it seems clear that the current "safe" levels of noise exposure are far too high for pregnant women to be exposed to, and a new cut-off point will have to be determined to protect the auditory system of the fetus.

In the meantime, based on what we know up to the present, pregnant women would be well advised to ensure that the noise levels they and their fetus are exposed to should not exceed 65-75 decibels over an eight hour day. It seems most unfortunate that Israel, so ready to copy the advances of other industrialized nations,still ignores this important environmental hazard.



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Carmel Bank plays down bid for Mercantile GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CARMEL Mortgage Bank is proceeding in its efforts to search for opportunities to become a commercial bank, whether from within or by purchasing another small bank, yesterday said Jacque Beer, the bank's major shareholder.

Reacting to press reports that the bank is in advanced talks to buy Mercantile Bank, Beer said the issue had been "totally blown out of proportion," adding that at this stage "there has been no more than a very informal conversation in which someone threw out the idea and proposed we look at this."

Carmel, said Beer, has a few options through which to realize its desire to turn into a commercial bank, but it is still in its strategic planning stage. It is not yet clear whether Carmel will choose to expand internally, using its existing infrastructure and client base, or externally, by merging with another financial institution, he said.

· Last year, when Beer gained majority control of Carmel Bank, the Bank of Israel said it will grant it a commercial license only when the bank stabilizes and makes the organizational changes necessary to function as a commercial bank. -Carmel Bank had a first-quarter net loss of NIS501,000, compared to a net profit of NIS2.22m. in the corresponding quarter last year.



Merhav wins \$500m. refinery upgrade deal in Turkmenistan

finance company announced yes-terday that it has signed a \$500 million contract to upgrade the Turkmenbashi refinery in

The Turkmeni government approached Herzliya-based Methav to structure the project, arrange finance and oversee the implementation of the three-phase project.

Merhav, which has assorted energy, farming and other ventures across formerly Soviet Central Asia, is the Israeli company with the most presence in mineral-rich and predominantly Moslem Turkmenistan, which lies to the north of Iran.

The project is aimed at improving two units, a Continuous Catalytic Reforming and Fluid Catalytic

Cracker, and financing a third new

unit for processing lube oil. The first phase of the project has

been awarded to Mannesman/KTI and financed by Deutsche Bank AG. This section of the work on the refinery, located on the shore of the Caspian Sea, involves constructing a new lube oil complex with an annual capacity of 80,000 tons, which will cover the national need and allow for export. The contract with Mannesman

was signed in Frankfurt last week. Before traveling to Turkmenistan for an official signing ceremony tomorrow, Merhav president Yosef Maiman said he was delighted by the support given to the company by the Turkmeni government.

Turkmenistan is on the go in energy development, and we are proud to be part of this exciting process," said Maiman.

Since Turkmeni President Saparmurat Niyazov visited Israel last year and the return trips of various Israeli officials, relations between the countries have shown signs of rapid improvements.

"Methav is very happy with its experience in Turkmenistan thus far and hopes to be well positioned for more ambitious undertakings once a solution is found to shipping the country's huge oil and gas reserves to the west," said Merhav senior vice president Nimrod Novik. Turkmenistan has the third largest reserves of gas in the world, in

deposits.
While experts believe the countries surrounding the Caspian will be the main oil and gas producers into the next century, there are still deep rifts between neighboring countries as to the westward routes gas and oil pipelines should take. Until the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Moscow made sure all such arteries passed through Russian ter-

The Turkmeni regime has been, and continues to be, subject to political pressure from the US administration because of its close links with Iran.

Merhav is a a 40-percent partner in MIDOR (Middle East Oil Refineries), owner-operator of the planned \$1.3b. Alexandria refinery.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

800 people an hour shop at Ben-Gurion duty free shop: Over 1,500 shoppers visit the duty-free shops at Ben-Gurion Airport during the peak hours, on Monday and Thursday mornings, according to Michael Dinar, manager of James Richardson Inc., which operates the shops. Dinar said the company was planning to double the number of cashiers during the peak hours from 20 to 40 and to increase the number of salestnen from 30 to over 50. The usual number of shoppers is about 800 an hour he said, adding that the pressure at the airport would continue until after the holidays.

Bank Happalim has opened a site on the Internet which provides banking and financial information. Visitors can receive information on all of the bank's services, as well as read the bank's economic surveys. The bank intends to open an international site soon. The site's address, is http://www.bankhapoalim.co.il Galit Lipkis Beck

Export sales up 5.9% for metal and electricity manufacturers: Metal and electricity manufacturers reported a 5.9% increase in export sales in the first six months of the years to \$1.4 billion, the Manufacturers Association reported yesterday.

The statement was based on a survey of 170 factories, which export about 60 percent of the sector's total exports. According to the survey, the factories expected export sales to grow at least 11% in the first half of the year.

Galit Lipkis Beck

D&B: July indicators point to recession

JUDGING by its procurement managers' index (PMI) for July, which has declined to well under the 50-percent barrier, the Dun and Bradstreet financial data company said yesterday it is detecting recessionary signs in the Israeli econo-

The PMI dropped to 45%, as most of its components fell sharply. The most significant decreases were 10%, recorded in production output, because of reduced domestic and foreign demand, 13% in the inventory levels component, and 6% in the component of orders Jerusalem Post Staff

placed by Israeli customers. This decrease in export volumes indicates that the slowdown in the economy is becoming more acute and heralds the beginning of a recession," said Zeev Dekel of Dun and Bradstreet Israel.

The index clearly points to an ongoing downward trend in Israeli industrial export since the beginning of the year, Dekel added.

The July decrease came after a slight climb in the PMI during the May-June period, which was attrib-

uted mainly to seasonal factors. The July decline reflects shrink-

ing inventory orders, extended supply periods both locally and abroad, reduced rates of employment and a drastic decline in exports orders from worldwide clients.

The emerging picture, of reduced demand for Israeli exports, is well reflected in that component's contraction to an extremely low level of 41.9%, said Dekel.

The PMI is a an American-modeled expectations gauge survey, which is seen as a reliable measurement of prevalent economic trends.

Private helicopters to seek stolen vehicles

THE Chimnir aviation company will deploy five of its helicopters to help in the hunt for stolen vehicles, as part of a new agreement with Ituran, which manufactures computerized car-tracking devices.

The helicopters, manned by Chimnir pilots and Ituran personnel, will be on stand-by at five strategic bases countrywide, mainly near Green Line areas, and will soar to the skies as soon as signals are broadcast by Ituran that a vehicle has been stolen.

Over these past few years Ituran has developed a computerized device which when fitted in all kinds of vehicles, including trucks and generators, sends a signal to its control center that the vehicle has been stolen. Ituran's screens show the whereabouts and moveRAINE MARCUS

ment of the vehicle, and the method is currently being tested by the police. It is being sold to individuals and companies and can also be used to control and prevent thefts of fleets of company

According to Chimnir's marketing director, Hanan Mor, the new merger "will provide the solutions to two major problems faced by Ituran - stopping the car before it is dismantled by the thief and the arrival time."

"Helicopters are faster than cars used for chasing thieves and can land in most places where thieves are either about to dismantle vehicles or transfer them to areas over the Green Line," said Mor. Mor said that helicopters, taking

Koor sells 66%

of Sefen for \$12m.

off from designated bases, (Beersheba, Kiryat Gat, near Kalkilya, the North and Herzliya) can reach the usual routes taken by thieves within 10 minutes much quicker than other methods. Simultaneously, police will be informed to arrest thieves, since Ituran personnel have no powers

"A thief is afraid when he sees a helicopter opposite him, and is likely to abandon the car," said Mor.

The two companies have already worked together on an experimental basis before signing the agree-

We will build up the arrangement gradually, starting with the base near Kiryat Gat, within easy reach of Hebron and Bethlehem.

lai Insurance profit up 55%

CLAL Insurance Enterprises Holdings announced a 55 percent increase in net profits for the second quarter, mainly as a result of a turnaround in the car insurance field, which benefited from the drop in car thefts.

In the reported period, net profits rose to NIS35.7 million from quarter last year. Net profits in the

Ports and Railways Authority (Port of Eilat)

The Ports and Hailways Authority - Israel (Port of Eliat), [hereinafter: the Authority] invites bids for a tender involving negotiation [hereinafter: the procedure] to obtain rights over land for planning, building and operating a guest facility, "The Port House" [hereinafter: "The Port House"], to include guest rooms, public and service areas for guests of the facility. The Port House is being planned in Eliat adjoining the area known as "Sha'ar Hailp" on two adjacent lots which have been been a text of the the latest of the text of the te have been leased o the Authority by the Israel Lands Administration

[hereinafter: ILA] on a long-term basis. The purpose of constructing the Port House is, among other things, to provide overnight and guest accommodations for tourists visiting the city, for employees of the Authority staying in Ellat during the course of their work in general, for guests of the Authority and of the Port of Ellat in particular, for participants in courses and on-job training of workers of the Authority and of others, as well as for other activities to be approved in advance in writing by the Authority, at its exclusive discretion. The participant in the procedure may recommend discretion. The participant in the procedure may recommend additional uses for the facility, within the framework of the approved urban building plan, as long as the main purpose of the building continues to be for guest accommodations.

2.a.The basic conditions for participating in the procedure can be obtained free of charge by a fax sent to Mr. Eli Eyal, at 07-6358301. If the fax machine does not respond, one should call 07-6358392.

2.b. Those participating in the procedure must provide, as part of the bid, a bank guarantee according to the fixed formula given in the tender documents, in the amount of NIS 600,000 (six hundred thousand) linked to the US dollar, or of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand U.S. dollars), all as prescribed in the tender documents

The guarantee is to be in effect for a period of 120 days following the final date for submitting the tender documents

3.a. The documents for the procedure, as well as other details, can be obtained by applying in writing to the above fax, with full details of the applicant, from August 28,1998, between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., upon payment of NIS 2,000 plus VAT (non-refundable).

3.b. Further explanations will be given at the time of the tour of the site in Eilat which is the subject of the procedure, to be conducted for those purchasing the tender documents only, on September 25, 1996 at 11 a.m., meeting in front of the site of Rehov Hativat Hanegev, in Eilat.

3.c.Participation in the tour is obligatory.

4. Those wishing to participate in the procedure must submit their bids in writing, together with all other required documents, in a sealed envelope, by November 7,1996, at 1 p.m., in the Tender Box at the Secretariat of the Port of Ellat in the Administration Building of the

The successful bidder will be required to execute at his own expense and at his exclusive responsibility all examinations and clarifications, including everything pertaining to the legal, physical, engineering and planning status and to obtain at his own expense and responsibility all permits required by law in order to construct the Port House, including agreements and or any other permit required by the ILA and/or by any other body and all without the right of recourse to the Authority.

The binding nature of the contract to be signed with the successful The diriding nature of the contract to be signed that he believes bidder for the procedure is conditional upon receiving all permits required by law, including government permission, according to the Law of the Ports and Railways Authorby, 1961, permits and/or agreements from the ILA, all as detailed in the tender documents.

The authority does not undertake to accept the highest bid and/or any

7.b. The Authority reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to select the successful bidder and/or to conduct negotiations in any manner it deems suitable, with one or several of the bidders or with all of them, in its sole and absolute judgment.

7.c. The Authority may at any stage cancel the procedure and/or begin another procedure, conduct negotiations and/or terminate them and/or not conduct negotiations and/or to reconsider its intention to carry out the construction of a Port House - all of the above at any stage of the procedure, at its own absolute and exclusive discretion. Rami Balass

Director, Port of Ellat.

COMPANY RESULTS **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

first six months of the year jumped to NIS64.16m. from NIS5.24m. Management attributed the dramatic improvement to changes in the general insurance sector, which

was influenced by higher earnings NIS23.04m. in the corresponding from car insurance. The car insurance field, which suffered large losses last year, benefited from

lower claims, rise in premi a significant drop in thefts. In the first six months, profits Tender with Negotiation (announcement), No.8/Nun-Aleph/96 from general insurance increased to (Enlarging the Scope of the Tender and Postponing the Dates) NIS14.1m., compared to losses of NIS76.5m. in the same period last

> Management said the improved earnings were also due to implementation of a recovery plan in Ararat as part of the reorganization program in the entire insurance group. As a result, Ararat's net profits rose to NIS11.84m., compared to a net loss of NIS9.03m. in the first half of 1995.

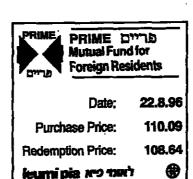
Ackerstein Industries, the Herzliya-based construction prod-

ucts company, reported a rise in second quarter net profit to NIS2.5m. from NIS1.7m. in the corresponding period last year. Net profits in the first six months of the year rose to NIS3.7m. from

Keter Publishing House ended the second quarter with a drop in net profit to NIS1,06m. from NIS1,23m, in the same period last year. In the first six months of the year, net profits slumped to

Gibor Sabrina, the textile manufacturer which was recently acquired by Kitan, is negotiating to sell its share holding in Gibor Sport to major shareholders in the subsidiary company, Gibor management said in the directors report attached to the financial statements.

Gibor reported a net loss of NIS17.23m. in the second quarter, compared to a net loss of NIS4.27m. in the corresponding period last year. Net losses in the first half of the year increased to NIS15.26m., compared with a net loss of NIS9.28m. in the same period last year.



(מטרה) TARGET טרגט Mutual Fund for **Foreign Residents**

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to Etz Lavud, wood-product company, for \$12 million, the companies informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. Sefen was valued at \$18m. for

sidiary, a Jordan Valley based saw

mill and wood product company,

the purpose of the transaction, almost double the company's value on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Thursday, the last day of trading before the transaction was concluded. On that day, Sefen was trading according to a company value of \$9.2m. The agreement still remains

subject to the approval of the Restrictive Trade Practices Controller, as well as several other approvals which must be obtained by December 5. As a result of the agreement, Etz Lavud, based in Petah Tikva

and traded on Amex, will have a monopoly in the manufacture of formica panels. Sefen is the largest manufacturer of formica panels in Israel, with

an annual sales turnover of about \$45m., mainly to the export mar-

The company manufacturers high-pressure decorative formica panels and other decorative coatings for the furniture and construction industries and industrial

KOOR has signed an agreement laminates used in the production

electronics industry. Etz Lavud produces decorative and industrial wood products. using similar know-how and infrastructure to those of Sefen.

Koor general manager Benjamin Gaon said the sale is in the framework of the concern's business strategy to concentrate its activities in the group's core business.

The transaction is expected to reap high capital gains for Koor. Koor purchased Sefen at the start of the 1980s from the kibbutzim in the Jordan Valley:

At the end of the decade the company suffered heavy losses, which led to its implementation of a recovery plan involving the closure of a subsidiary company and large cutbacks in workers.

Two years later, Sefen returned to profitability and in August, 1992 the company went public on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Since then the company has expanded its activities and earn-

Last week Sefen reported an increase in second quarter net profit to NIS1m. from NIS947,000 in the same period

months of the year more than doubled to NIS2.4m. from NIS1.13m.

Treasury asks banking sector for \$200 million

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Treasury has asked the banking sector to submit bids to raise \$200 million via a consortium of foreign banks toward the end of the year, the the Finance Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

The money will be raised as part of the Treasury's initial multiannual plan to raise foreign cur-

The Treasury intends to choose the most favorable bid in the second half of September.

Accountant General Talmon said raising money in this way creates an important financial base for the country's foreign currency requirements, especially in light of the end of the US loan guarantee agreement in 1998.

In addition, he said, this vehicle is in the framework of the Treasury's policy to diversify its sources of raising money and opens up new markets.

Last year the government raised a total of DM350m. via consor-

tiums involving 43 foreign banks. The bank loans complement the government's US governmentguaranteed issuance of bonds in the major debt markets, which started last year. In that framework, the Treasury raised last week another \$1 billion on Wall

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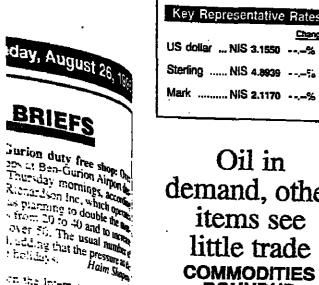
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Oil in demand, other items see little trade COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) World commodity prices mostly ended a dull week little changed on Friday but with crude oil close to its highest level for four months on signs of

London October futures for the international benchmark Brent Blend of crude were trading in London at around \$20.60 per bar-

Analysts said Brent so far this year has averaged \$2 a barrel more than 1995's \$16.94, defying expectations that a surge in supplies

would outweigh extra demand. They cited stronger-than-expected demand growth for oil products this year from China, other Asian

nations, Latin America and the US. The industrial metals on the London Metal Exchange had an uncertain week, with the flagship copper contract trading in a narrow range between \$1,900 and \$1,970

Copper was helped higher on Friday by book-squaring ahead of a three-day British holiday weekend. Traders said bouts of short covering lifted copper from a low of \$1,932 to \$1,949, a \$14 gain from Thursday, but the market never seriously attempted to break from

Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) wheat futures were scarcely changed from a week ago around \$4.50 per bushel.

London robusta coffee futures closed easier with the nearby September contract down \$24 per tonne from Thursday at \$1,685, after edging above \$1,700 a week ago on prospects of tighter supply. Producers have sold into the rally, but technical analysts do not rule out a fresh advance next week.

Critical resistance over \$1,700 has now seen a more serious challenge and there is an increasing possibility it will be cleared," said futures summary from Investment Research in Cambridge.

Italian deputy premier: Rethink Maastricht

ROME (Reuter) Italy's deputy prime minister was quoted yester-day as saying European countries should consider the possibility of re-thinking the criteria for European Monetary Union (EMU).

Walter Veltroni said Italy should not take any unilateral moves to delay joining a single European currency, but added that a recession in Europe had made the task of meeting criteria harder for a number of countries.

"We should not give in to the temptation of a unilateral detachment from Maastricht," he told the Corriere della Sera newspaper.

The sacrifices of these past years would be wasted.

"But now there is something new. The recession in Europe. Therefore a question of the excessive severity of the criteria for the single currency exists," he said.

Under the Maastricht Treaty on European integration, governments must bring their 1997 budget deficits close to three percent of total output and put their outstanding debt levels on a sustainable path towards 60% of GDP.

Veltroni said a number of countries were having difficulties with

unemployment.
"We must see if it might not be the right thing to sit around a table to rediscuss the criteria or their interpretation or maybe even the timing of monetary union," he said. Veltroni, a member of the former-

communist Democratic Party of the Left - the biggest party in Prime Minister Romano Prodi's coalition said Italy should not unilaterally seek a renegotiation of the treaty.

"No. But we have to confront the problem together with our partners," he said, adding that he preferred informal contacts on the matter rather than official initiatives.

ing in part to comments last Friday by Fiat Chairman Cesare Romiti. who said Italy could accept a delay in joining EMU, which is due to start in 1999, if this would help

governments are expected to come under close scrutiny in September as they unveil their 1997 budgets, a key step in their attempt to meet the preconditions of a single currency.

Italy would be following the Maastricht criteria and was not worried if Italy enters a bit late. Prodi has already called for some

Lloyd's appeals after US judge blocks reorganization plan

district judge issued a preliminary injunction over the weekend delaying the reorganization plan of insur-ance giant Lloyd's of London, but the firm's chairman said an appeal had been filed.

Lloyd's reorganization plan was linked to having investors fund a newly formed reinsurance company. Equitas, but some became skeptical, claiming Lloyd's would not provide them with sufficient information and thus breached US secu-

US District Court Judge Robert Payne agreed and ordered Lloyd's to give the information to investors within a month. Payne ruled the 93 US investors in the case would suffer irreparable harm if the preliminary injunction was denied.

The defendant's [Lloyd's] motion to dismiss is denied and the plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunction is granted, the judge said in his written ruling.
Investors, whom Lloyd's calls

Names - individuals who pledge their assets to back the insurance

not allow a widening corruption

investigation focusing on a former

government minister to slow an

ambitious telephone privatization

program, a minister was quoted as

Communications Minister Beni

Prasad Verma said he expected the

dismantling of the government's

monopoly over the telecommuni-

cations sector to continue, despite a

corruption case against his prede-

cessor, the Press Trust of India

Former communications minister

Sukh Ram was still being sought

by investigators on Saturday, a

week after federal agents discov-

ered more than \$1 million in cash

The Central Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) has accused

Sukh Ram, who served as commu-

nications minister until May when

his Congress party lost general

elections, of favoring a firm in the

awarding of a large contract. The

in raids on two of his homes.

saying over the weekend.

policies sold at Lloyd's -were being asked to pay up to \$150,000 each to help fund Equitas, which would take responsibility for \$12.4 billion in losses from asbestos, pollution, and disaster claims between 1988-

The ruling effectively blocks creation of Equitas and Lloyd's has until September 23 to see that American Names receive information on Equitas.

There are 2,700 US Names and nearly 34,000 worldwide. Following the decision, Lloyd's Chairman David Rowland said in a statement issued in London:

"We regret the decision reached in the Virginia District Court. We have lodged an immediate appeal, which is likely to be heard early next week in order that we should be able to proceed with our reconstruction program....

Lloyd's lawyer, Harvey Pitt, of a Washington law firm, called the order "surprising and disappoint-

ing."
In Friday's order, Judge Payne
also ruled that the injury the plain-

the government of 16.8 million

rupees (\$470,000) stemming from

the purchase of equipment at inflat-

Newspapers said Sukh Ram, who

was suspended from the Congress

party following the raid, was recov-

ering from a heart problem in London and had told Indian diplo-

mats there he would return to India

in a week. On Friday, police said

they raided the home of a compa-

ny executive whose firm has been

arrested a senior civil servant.

linked to the scandal. Earlier, police

Industry officials have expressed

concern in private that the probe

into Sukh Ram and some of his for-

mer government associates would

slow or even paralyze the two-year-

Verma said the granting of licens-

es to operate telephone services

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been given until September 12 to

old phone privatization program.

Indian official: Phone

privatization to proceed

NEW DELHI, (Reuter) - India will CBI said the case involved a loss to

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tiffs and other American investors would suffer significantly outweighed any harm to Lloyd's by complying with its obligations under the securities laws of the US. Lloyd's Chief Executive Ronald

Sandler had testified in hearings earlier in the week that Lloyd's solvency would be in doubt without the US Names.

The firm, which is more than 300 years old, wants investors to vote on acceptance or rejection of the recovery plan by Wednesday.

"Our outside date on [reconstruction and recovery) acceptance is the 28th as planned, and our hope is that the Court of Appeals will be able to either stay the district court's order or resolve this matter so that the process gets completed in an orderly fashion," Pitt said.

An appeal would take place at a date and time set by the US 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, also in Richmond, Virginia.

Until then Payne ordered Lloyd's to send a copy of his 141-page order to every American Name. The judge ruled investments in

because Lloyd's has more than 500 Names and total assets of more than \$10 million.

"Lloyd's is in violation of the securities exchange act and that in seeking Names' consent to the settlement offer dated July 26, 1996. Lloyd's is using the US mail and other means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce to solicit a proxy or consent or authorization from the plaintiff and the other American Names in contravention of rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange

Commission," Payne ruled. The judge also provided for an escrow plan that extends the time for investors to decide. The investors can pay into an escrow account (in lieu of Equitas) set up by the court by September 30. They then have until October 30 to review the information provided by the firm and tell Lloyd's whether they accept the offer.

If they accept, their funds will be released from the escrow account to

Taiwan plans to curb China investment if relations deteriorate

TAIPEI (Reuter) -Taiwan is prepared to restrict local manufacturers' investments in China if relations between Taipei and Beijing deteriorate, a local evening news-

paper reported vesterday. The island's top economic planning agency has drawn up measures, including altering its policy to restrict Taiwanese investment in the mainland, if tensions heightened in the Taiwan Strait, the China Times Express said.

The newspaper, quoting a report by the cabinet's Council for Economic Planning and Development, said the government would also consider helping Taiwan businesses diversify their China-bound investments to southeast Asia and seek international support.

Some 30,000 Taiwanese businesses have poured more than US\$20 billion into China since the

Taiwan President Lee Teng-imi said earlier this month the island needs to review its policy of targeting China as its main market and avoid over-dependence on the mainland for investment.

The report came one day after a Hong Kong newspaper report said Beijing had decided to continue the "economic united front" policy to put pressure on Taiwan instead of using strong-arm tactics against the island.

Facing China's unpredictable and intimidatory war games in the Taiwan strait, the government should adopt policies to stabilize financial markets, encourage private and foreign investments and promote public projects, the Taiwan council's report said.

If ties improved, Taiwan would then respond with some goodwill

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Optimism on rate cuts boosts stocks

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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STOCKS jumped for a second straight session yesterday as investors were optimistic that the central bank would cut interest rates when it sets policy today.

Ammber of stocks traded in both New York and Tel Aviv have risen since Wednesday, the last trading day on Wall Street to affect stocks

That boosted companies like Koor Industries Ltd., Koor subsidiary Tadiran Ltd. and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. Investors are also looking ahead to corporate earnings reports from

key companies this week like Koor. Israel Corp. and IDB Holdings. "The whole ball of wax is interest rates." said Mark Meiras, analyst at

Pacific Mediterranean Securities in Herzliya. A trader at the firm said that if the cut "is not at least 0.5 percent, it's a disaster," Meiras said. "If they drop

something like 0.5%, the market won't move. If they drop 0.7, the market will be mildly pleased. If 1%, it will rise but not a lot."

The Maof Index went up 1.68% to 187.26, while the Two-Sided

Index advanced 1.53% to 175.93. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 43.9 million of shares traded, 29% less than the month's daily average of NIS 62m. About five issues advanced for

every four that lost ground. The most active issue was Africa-Israel Investment Ltd., which was halted at 1 p.m. up 2.5% on NIS-

3m. of shares traded. Investors speculated that the board of the property developer will approve a spinoff of Migdal Insurance, which would transfer control of the insurer to Italy's Assicurazioni Generali SPA;

Meiras suggested. Koor rose 1.75%. The company disclosed that it agreed to sell its 66% in Sefen, a maker of mice: products and board for printed recruit boards, for \$12m.

The buyer is Etz Lavud Ltd., ä wood-products company in Petah Tikva.

Sefen shares didn't trade yester: day. Koor's selling price valued Sefen at 80% more than the current price of its shares, NIS 5.16 apiece.

China forex reserves rise to 2nd in world

SHANGHAI (Reuter) - China China's 1,200 big state firms fell boasted the world's second largest to 59% by the end of June, he said. foreign exchange reserves at a record \$90.8 billion in July, surpassing Taiwan but still far behind Japan's massive external reserves, official data released over the weekend showed.

Reserves in China were expected to reach nearly \$100 billion by the end of 1996, against \$73.597b. at the end of 1995; central People's Bank of China governor, Dai Xianglong, was quoted as saying.

Securities newspaper, Dai said-brisk annual inflation could be tamed at between seven and eight percent this year, against an official 10% target and 14.8% in 1995, as the economy continued its rapid expansion after recent

The governor, in a positive assessment of the economy at a meeting in Beijing on Friday, said gross domestic product growth might exceed 9% in 1996, against an original target of 8%.

But he said the central bank would still keep a firm hold on monetary policy, despite Thursday's reduction in bank deposit and lending rates by an average of 1.5 and 1.2 percentage points respectively. "Over the next several years,

we will still adopt an appropriately tight monetary policy," he said. Dai said the rate cut was possible because of a sharp fall in consumer prices, which helped drive down the annual inflation rate to 5.8% in July, and said the easing would benefit the management of loss-making state companies. The debt-to-equity ratio of Previous official estimates have put the average debt-to-equity ratio of state firms at about 70%. Dai said the problems of the ailing state firms, which are suffering from declining sales and rising stockpiles, were not due to a shortage of money.

Improvement of state firms depended on speeding up their reform, changing their economic structure, developing domestic and foreign markets for their goods and finding new overall sources for growth, Dai said.
China's state firms are plagued

by heavy debts, excess workers and poor management. They have been hard-hit by a three-year austerity policy launched in July 1993 aimed at curbing inflation. July's reserves figures show

China, although holding less than half the size of Japan's reserves, moving ahead of Taiwan, which announced its foreign exchange reserves stood at \$86.12b. at the end of July.

Dai said that China was making

great progress in developing its financial markets, with state commercial banks as their base, along with a wide range of other financial institutions.
In the first half of 1996, bank

deposits by firms increased 26% over the same 1995 period and loans by state banks increased by 100 billion yuan (\$12b.) over a year earlier, he said.

China now had more than 400 companies listed on its stock markets, with stock turnover in the first seven months of the year at 630 billion yuan (\$75.9b.), he

BBC call for higher fees wins little sympathy

EDINBURGH (Reuter) - A call each year, 95 percent of BBC rev-from the BBC for Britons to pay enue. more for its services received a frosty response over the weekend from politicians and media indus-BBC Director-General John Birt

said on Friday that the television license fee should be increased above the level of inflation to protect what he called "the most successful cultural institution in the world."

Speaking at the Edinburgh International Television Festival, Birt said the first increase in real terms since 1985 was needed to help fund an expansion of services in the digital era.

But the ruling Conservative party and opposition Labor are refrictant to endorse a rise in the run-up to a general election due by "To ask for a big increase now is out of the question," The Times

quoted a government source as The newspaper said

Conservative strategists believed a big rise would be political suicide. Labor broadcasting spokesman Lewis Moonie said the BBC should seek to boost its revenue from commercial activities.

The annual fee, fixed by the government and payable by all owners of television sets, is £89.50.

License income totals £1.8b.

The fee funds the BBC's two

television channels plus its five national and 38 local radio ser-The government is due to review the license fee in the next few months, but any increase would not take effect until April 1, 1997.

The fee has been pegged to inflation since 1988. BBC executives stress they are seeking a "modest" rise, in low

percentage figures above the rate of inflation.
Patricia Hodgson, the BBC's director of Policy and Planning.

said that the timing of the review was awkward politically but said action was needed. The BBC has cut 4,000 jobs

over the past five years and now employs some 21,000 people. The broadcasting company has committed itself to further cost

savings and expansion of its commercial arm but says more money is needed to protect its status as "the touchstone of quality." Digital television - which will multiply the number of channels

and allow the creation of interactive services such as home shopping - is set to launch in Britain in 1997. The BBC plans a new 24-hour

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MANCHESTER (Reuter) - A goal each from new signings Jordi Cruyff and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer allowed Premier League champions Manchester United to come twice from behind and force a 2-2 draw with 1995 champions Blackburn Rovers at Old Trafford yesterday.

Blackburn, still smarting from the pre-season loss of England striker Alan Shearer to Newcastle United and the departure last week of director of football Kenny Dalglish, deserved their share of the points as they took the game to the champions.

Paul Warhurst put Blackburn

ahead after 34 minutes but a mistake by center-back Colin Hendry five minutes later allowed Dutch international Cruyff to steal in for the equalizer as he scored his second goal of the season.

After a penalty appeal was turned down, Blackburn reclaimed the lead six minutes into the second half through Norwegian Lars Bohinan

But Manchester United pressed forward and the Norwegian Solksjaer, in his first game for the club, squared the match seven minutes after coming on as a 63rd minute substitute.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Olympic medalist Popov stabbed in Moscow Russian swimmer Alexander Popov, a double-gold medalist at the Atlanta Olympics, was in a serious condition in hospital yesterday after being stabbed on a Moscow street, Itar-Tass news agency said. It quoted police as saying the 24-year-old, who has been the

dominant force in sprint freestyle for the past five years, was stabbed in south-west Moscow late on Saturday after an argument with a roadside watermelon seller.

Schumacher wins Belgian Grand Prix

World champion Michael Schumacher of Germany upset the odds and the expected duel between the Williams' top drivers yesterday when he drove to a brilliant victory in the Belgian Grand Prix. Schumacher, in a Ferrari, came home 5.6 seconds ahead of Canadian Jacques Villeneuve in a Williams.

Damon Hill of Britain finished fifth and his lead over Villeneuve in the world driver's championship dropped to 13 points. Reuter

Medvedev wins Hamlet Cup title

Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, seeded fifth, beat unseeded Martin Damm of Czech Republic 7-5, 6-3 in the Hamlet Cup tennis tournament finals yesterday in Commack, New York.

Medvedev had beaten unseeded Karol Kucera, Slovakia, 7-6(7-0). 6-3 in the semifinals Saturday. Damm had eliminated unseeded Adrian Voinea of Romania 5-7, 7-5, 7-5.

Date upsets Sanchez Vicario in Toshiba finals Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain was upset by Kimiko Date in the finals of the \$450,000 Toshiba Tennis Classic in California 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 yesterday.

Sanchez Vicario reached the finals by defeating Czech Jana Novotna 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 on Saturday. Date had beaten Conchita Martinez 6-2, 7-5 in the semis.

BYU upsets Aggies in Pigskin Classic

Steve Sarkisian threw for six touchdowns to rally Brigham Young to a 41-37 victory over No. 13 Texas A&M as the teams opened the college football season Saturday in the Pigskin Classic in Utah. AP

SCOREBOARD

SATURDAY'S AL RESULTS: Boston 9, Seattle 5; Milwankee 4, Cleveland 3 (10); Toronto 9, Chicago 2; Baltimore 5, California 4; Kansas City 9, Detroit 2; New York 5, Oakland 4; Minnesota 6, Texas 5, SUNDAY'S EARLY AL RESULTS: Cleveland 8, Milwaukee 5; Boston 8, Seattle 5; California 13,

SATURDAY'S NL RESULTS: Atlanta 6, Chicago 5; Houston 3, St. Louis 1; Montreal 3, San Francisco 0; Los Angeles 7, New York 5; Florida 5, Cincinnati 3; Colorado 9, Pittsburgh 3; San Diego 7, Philadelphia 1.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL – Kickoff Classic: Pena State 24, Southern Cal 7.

WHOOPS - England wicket keeper Alec Stewart misses the ball, as does Pakistan's Wasim Akram (r) during yesterday's action at the Oval,

Malik century 'guarantees' Pakistan Test series win

tain Salim Malik effectively guaranteed Pakistan a series win over England when he hit a fine 100 not out on the fourth day of the third Test at the Oval yesterday.

It was his 14th Test century and his first since being sacked from the captaincy amid allegations of bribes and match-rigging in March

Malik's innings allowed the Pakistanis to declare on 521 for eight in their first innings, a lead of 195 and ensured that England would spend the last day fighting for a face-saving draw rather than pushing for the win which would level the series 1-1.

Some brave batting from Michael Atherton, 26 not out, and Alec Stewart 40 not out carried

close, still 121 runs behind.

England's state of mind was scarcely helped by all-rounder Chris Lewis, who arrived at the ground late and was promptly dropped from the one-day squad to face Pakistan this week.

The dressing-room mood would have been still worse had Atherton and Stewart not survived 23 awkward overs in the evening, denying Pakistan captain Wasim Akram the chance to secure the three wickets he needs to be only the 11th bowler to reach 300 in Test cricket.

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Kafelnikov withdraws from US Open

NEW YORK (AP) - Yevgeny Kafelnikov, seeded seventh in next week's US Open despite being ranked fourth in the world, withdrew from the Grand Slam event Saturday in protest over what he calls unfair seeding practices.

The US Tennis Association dropped the 22-yearold Russian three spots from his world ranking despite his winning the French Open and leading the ATP Tour in points this year.

"I was shocked when I saw what they did to me." Kafelnikov said, "I deserve to be seeded No. 4. I won a Grand Slam tournament and consider myself a good hardcourt player. I am disappointed, but I am sending a warning.

The draw for the 128-player men's field - minus

the 16 seeds - was made in a non-public meeting Tuesday night. The next morning, at a public ceremony, the seeded players were announced and their names were selected from a cup to determine exactly where they would be placed in the draw. In an unprecedented move sparked by the threat of

a player boycott, the USTA on Thursday redid the draw for the year's final Grand Slam tournament, which begins today. "They basically set up the draw in favor of American players," Kafelnikov said.

The ATP Tour said it believes a subjective seeding system presents the perception of favoritism. Therefore, it will not penalize Kafelnikov by awarding him zero points for the tournament.

and Amir Turjeman are the three to be overlooked and Atar has special reason to feel aggrieved following his excellent performance in Haifa's 3-1 victory over champions Maccabi Tel Aviv on Saturday.

The 20-man squad convened at the National Stadium to begin its training camp last night, with most of the players available, including three recalled Mac. TA men: defenders Amir Shelah and Alon Brumer and midfielder Avi Nimni. Ronnie Rosenthal, Haim Revivo

impressed with coach Shlomo

Scharf after his decision to drop

three of their players from the Israel squad which faces Bulgaria

at the National Stadium in Ramat

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Gan next Sunday.

and Eyal Berkowitz will join the squad today after arriving from HAPOEL Haifa are less than England and Spain respectively.

Israel's squad: Goalkeepers: Bonnie Ginsburg (Maccabi Haifa), Rafi Coben (Hapoel

Defenders: Felix Halion (Hapoel Tel Aviv), Gadi Brumer (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Aloni Shelah (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Amir Shelah (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Amir Sneian (Maccati Iel Aviv), Nir Klinger (Maccabi Tel Aviv captain), Yossi Abuksis (Betar Jerusalem), Alon Harazi (Maccabi Haifa), Alon Hazan (Maccabi Haifa),

Haifa), Alon Hazan (Maccabi Haifa), Tal Banin (Hapoel Haifa), Midfielders: Avi Nimni (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Eyal Berkowitz (Maccabi Haifa), Itzik Zohar (Betar Jerusalem), Arik Bennado (Maccabi Haifa), David

Arik Bennado (Maccabi Hana), David Amsalem (Betar Jerusalem). Forwards: Eli Driks (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Ronnen Harazi (Betar Jerusalem), Haim Revivo (Celtz Vigo), Ronnie Rosembal (Tottenham Hotspur).

Judo coach Ponti axed HEATHER CHAIT

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side vs. Bulgaria

NATIONAL judo coach, Moshe Ponti, who has featured in the headlines as much for his professional accomplishments as for his antics offstage, is to be removed from his position today.

While Ponti's contract with the Judo Association is due to expire in December only, officials have reached the decision to terminate it prematurely.

Chairman of the Judo Association, Moshe Mannheim, said yesterday on Israel Radio that the decision was long overdue and had been delayed until after the Olympics so that the judokas' training would not be affected.

"Ponti did not adhere to the con-

tract in matters of discipline and has expressed himself in a rude manner," said Mannheim. 'The time has now come to dismiss him."

Dani Leopold, Yael Arad's coach and Ponu's arch-rival, is likely to take over control of the men's team. In response Ponti sounded nonchalant, saying, "I've coached the national team for nine years and in a year or so I will decide whether to return to judo or not."

Meanwhile, Ponti's prodigy. Olympic bronze medalist Oren Smadja, has announced his intention of taking a year's break from the sport and will devote his time to a judo club he intends to open in Netanya.

Israelis earn medals at Paralympics

Paralympics in Atlanta have already amassed two silver and four bronze medals.

Nachman Wolf, who, at 44, has a proud history of international sports achievements, placed second between two Egyptian athletes in the discus throw, managing a distance of 45.69 meters. Amad Dahi's winning distance was 51.12m.

Wolf also came fourth in the javelin event.

Last week shooter Doron Shaziri won Israel's first silver medal. Ziv Betar achieved his second bronze medal yesterday in the

ISRAEL'S athletes at the swimming pool by completing the 100m backstroke (limited vision category) in 1:12.38.

Betar collected his first bronze medal in the 100m freestyle event and finished fifth in the 400m freestyle race. Tami Carmeli and Itzik Baranes,

competing in the first lawn bowls event in the Paralympics, are the recipients of Israel's two other bronze medals. Other notable results at this

stage are a sixth place for the volleyball team and eighth place for weightlifter Baruch Masami. Heather Chait

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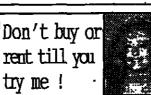
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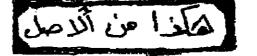
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

ICELANDIC singing sensation Bjork first came here last year. She's back to sing a new program, but she' sure to include the hit single "Army of Me" that's on the Tank Girl movie soundtrack. Her warm-up group is the experimental Red Snapper trio established in 1993 by drummer Richard Thayer. Tonight at 9 p.m. at the Roman theater in Caesarea and on Wednesday at the Tel Aviv Cincrama at 10 p.m.

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HELEN KAYE

COURTNEY Pine is the opening headliner at 8 p.m. for the 10th anniversary Red Sea Jazz Festival, which starts today in the port of Eilar. The others are violinist Didier Lockwood and the Brecker Bros and Co at 10:30 p.m and 1 a.m respectively in Tuborg Hall.

Also at 1 a.m., pianist Michel Camilo and friends play his Caribbean-flavored jazz in the Coca-Cola Hall, Over in Ma'ariv Hall, Yoni Rechter and friends play at 9:30 p.m., the Phil Woods Quintet is in Coca-Cola at 10:30 p.m. and at midnight the Ganelin trio blast off in IsrAir, with singer Timna Brauer

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ADINA HOFFMAN

*** TOY STORY — There's something more than a tad sterile and robotic about the look of this Walt Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation Studios release, the world's first full-length computer animated feature. Lulled by the smooth, even gestures of the plastic toy characters who populate the movie and who spring to life whenever their human owner (who's also strangely plastic-faced) leaves the room, it's hard to say just how the absence of a human hand manifests itself—though somehow it does.



The Red Sea Jazz Festival gets underway with British saxophonist Courtney Pine and band.

Still, despite its dubious status as a state-of-theart showpiece, the movie is fun, and for all the most retrograde reasons: a clever script, some lively characters and the warm, familiar voices of the lead actors - among them Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Don Rickles. (The film exists in both English and Hebrew-language versions. General audiences)

*** FLIRT - In his latest movie, a romantic triptych that features the same situation and dialogue repeated three separate times in New York, Berlin and Tokyo, American independent filmmaker Hal Hartley has made a game attempt to replace traditional narrative form with a kind of fictional fugue, but the results are questionable.

Hartley was brave to think he could repeat the same story thrice, word for word, and still keep us interested.

He was also mistaken. Although the film does offer some of Hartley's trademark dry humor (especially in the strong first section), it's a preening and self-absorbed device that requires us to forfeit all interest in more traditional forms of suspense and turn our attentions instead to the subtle adjustments in the director's technique, his ability to minutely vary the emotional pitch of each new version. It might be effective in serial music, but the filmic equivalent is tedious. (English, German and Japanese dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)









CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 May I not put pressure on this kind of bridge? (10) 6 Drug from hard wood (4) 9 It should be visible, though

isle is indistinct (10) 10 Who built St Paul's? A little bird tells you (4)

12 Car noise may cause anxiety (6)

13 Criminal has radio (8) 15 Prepared generous cocktails for tennis match

18 Perfume of the Rhine?

21 Chap captures US soldier and agents-he does miraculousiv (8)

22 Order without delay (6) 24 Wife in metal sort of bed (4) 25 Sent a milky concection in

error (10) 26 Fury at popular fashion (4) 27 Award from monarch for piece by poet (10)

DOWN

2 Deny age ten is problematic (6)

3 Brightness of the news? (12)

1 Stick this in your saled (6)

4 Love to be seen in

Piccadilly (4)

5 Winner is barred, we hear, from this festival (10) 7 Newcomers are endless antagonists (8)

8 Lady killer (8) 11 Outback travel authority? (6,6)

14 Wrongly coordinate the colour-scheme (10) 16 Euclid, for example, is

unlikely to emerge (8)

17 Very sociable, but leaving r(8) 19 Lion eats tiny creature in

shed (4-2) 20 Withheld what remained

(6) 23 Some beast-a game animal (4)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Green, 4 Gauge, 10 Dribble, 11 Inert, 12 Cheer, 13 Dribbla, 11 Inert, 12 Cheer, 13 Average, 15 Gala, 17 Tenor, 19 Impel, 22 Cane, 25 Freight, 27 Swamp, 29 Equal, 38 Against, 31 Popys, 32 Realm. DOWN: 2 Raise, 3 Embarge, 5 Agila, 6 Grenade, 7 Edict, 5 Legal, 9 Strew, 14 Vain, 16 Arch, 18 Execute, 20 Message, 21 Often, 23 Atlas, 24 Spite, 26 Gully, 28 Annul.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Eternally (7) . 5 Yellow resin (5) 8 Desert animal (5) 9 Southern state (7) 10 Underwater boat

12 Stupid person (3) 13 Cardboard container (6) 14 To the rear (6) 17 Ocean (3) 18 Political agitator (9)

24 Dazzling (7)

20 Spring flower (7) 21 Farmyard bird (5) 18 Bread mixture (5) 23 Freshwater fish 19 Choose (5)

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■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Butterfly Island
18:30 Farmly Relations 19:00 Basic Arabic
19:30 Reflection 20:00 A New Evening
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Shlomo Gronich 22:30 Star Tripk — The
Next Generation 23:15 Jazz at the end of
the summer

THE FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
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MOVIE CHANNEL (4) 11:30 Presumed Guity (1991) — Martin Sheen is a father trying to prove his son innocent of murder (rpt) 13:05 The Strange Love of Martha Ivers (1946) — a neurotic and wealthy woman is haunted by memonies of a murder that took place years before (rpt) 15:00 Whart's New at the Movies 15:15 Confessions (1994) — two boys, an A student and a juvenile delinquent, both confess to committing the same murder (rpt) 16:50 The Gittinend from Hell (1929) (rpt) 18:25 Sticky Fingers (1986) — Two penniless musicians are asked to take care of a sudcase full of money, they are tempted to use the money, and get involved with the Mafia. With Helen Stater and Melanie Mayron. (84 mins.) 19:55 Dennis the Menace (1993) — Based on the long-running comic (1993) - Based on the long-running comic strip about the small boy who torments his rescribe need-door neighbor. With Walter Matthau and Christopher Lloyd. (91 mins.)

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CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Maya the Bee 8:30 Mot 9:00 Detective Hush Hash 9:40 Creepy Crawlers 10:15 The Children from Oz 10:50 VR Troopers 11:25 Minor Adjustments -- new series 12:05 The Ren and Stimpy Show 12:45 Animaniacs 13:00 Growing Up 13:30 Hugo 14:00 Chiquititas 14:50 Looney Tunes 15:10 Creepy Crawlers (rpt) 16:55 Minor Adjustments (rpt) 15:45 The Children from Oz (rpt) 16:20 VR Troopers (rpt) 16:55 Minor Adjustments (rpt) 18:15 Animaniacs (rpt) 18:30 Growing Up (rpt) 18:00 Hugo (rpt) 18:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:30 Whose Line is This Anyway?

E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Edward II (1992) - adaptation of Christopher Marlowa's ptay about the English king who preferred his male lover to his wife and his kingdom. With Steve Waddington, Andrew Tieman and Titral Swinton. 23:30 Let's Do it Again (1975) - Three workers plan to raise money for the church by betting on a light whose outcome is a sure thing after they hypnotize one of the boxers. With Schrey Politier, Ball Cosby and jimmie Walker. Directed by Sidney Politier. (108 mins.)

SUPER CHANNEL

8:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 Europe 2000 7:30 ITN News Live 8:00 Today 11:00 Gold, God and Glory 12:00 James Herriot 13:00 Datelline 15:00 Executive Ligstyles 15:30 European Money Wheel 16:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FI Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Talling to David Frost 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Datelline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Sport Magazine 00:00 The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 The Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 The Best of Late Night with Greg Kinnear

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 8:00 Video Fashion News 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Cooking Secrets of the CIA 13:30 Video Fashion News 14:00 Teanage Mutant Ninja Turties 14:30 Black Beauty 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Charles in Charge 17:00 MrA'S+1 17:30 Stryker – detective series 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 The Twilight Zone 21:30 Hearts Afre 22:00 Grace Under Fire 22:30 Barnaby Jones 23:30 Videotashion 22:30 Barnaby Jones 23:30 Videolashion News 06:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hooperman 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

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■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Athletics: Area meets, Britain (rpt) 10:30 Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix, Brussels

(rpt) 12:00 International Motor Sport Magazine 13:00 Ternis: Mercedes Super 9 ATP tournsment. Canada – finals (rpt) 14:00 Car Racing: Spa Grand Prix – race (rpt) 15:30 Mountain Biking: European Championships, Italy 16:30 Soccer; Spanish Cup – Barcelona vs Atletico Madrid (rpt) 18:00 Motorcycle Racing: International Group Champion-ships, Finland 21:00 Motor Sports Magazine 23:00 Truck Racing 00:00 Eurogoals 1:00 Eurogoal 2:00 Pro Wrestling

E PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Beach Soccer: Pro tour, New Brighton
7:00 Windsurfing 7:30 Badminton:
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Australian League Football 2:30 Tennis:
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IN BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:06 World Headlines 6:05 The Money Programme 10:15 The Money Programme 11:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld (rpt) 12:30 Raymond's Blanc Mange (rpt) 15:05 Correspondent (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 The Sky at Night (rpt) 18:15 The Money Programme 19:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 20:00 World News 22:05 The Money Programme 22:50 Earth Report 23:30 The Travel Show 00:00 World Business Report

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Financial Report 7:30 Diplomatic License 8:30 Global View (rpt) 9:30 World Sport 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 Headfine News 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 CNN Computer Connection 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 World News 22:00 Larry King (rpt) 23:00 European News 00:00 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News Survey

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Chaplin: "Bonjours Macame", Barber: Cave of the Heart; Copland: Old American Songs; Bolling: 2 Movements from Suite for Callo and Jazz Tio (Ma/Bolling; Scriebin: Plano Sonata no 3 op 23; Rachmaninoff: The Bells (Danish Radio Soloists and chorus/Denmark, Radio Sol/Kitaenko); Tippett: The Blue Guitar (Tanenbaum); Ireland: Fantasia-Sonata for Clarinet and Piano (De Peyer/Pryor); Taylor: Wonder in February 12:00 Light Classical — Offenbach: Excerpts from Tales of Hoffman 13:00 Pinches Zuclemman — Mozart: Violin Concerto no 5 K219 (with St. Paul CO); Talt Double Concerto for Violin and Cello (with Concerto no 5 K219 (with St. Paul CO); Tat. Double Concerto for Violin and Cello (with Uzi Wiesel/ICO/Bertini) 14:06 Summer Days 15:00 Cycle of Works - Beethoven's piano sonatas 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnahta - repeat broadcast (1.1.96) Vivaldi: Sonata in G Minor for Recorder and Basso Continuo; Rossi: 2 Trio Sonatas; Handel: Trio Sonata in C Minor, Pavel: 4 Pieces for Viola da Gamba Solo; Telermann: Sonata no 2 for Recorder, Violin, Viola da Gamba and Basso Continuo 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05 Berfioz: Overture to "King Lear" (London SO/Davis); Beethoven: Piano Concerto no 3 (Rubinstein/Boston SC/Leinsdorf) 21:00 A Matter of Agreement 23:00 Just Jazzy

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yesterday.

FORMER prime minister and Labor Chairman Shimon Peres yesterday left on a private visit to Morocco, as the guest of King Hassan, Peres's wife Sonia and 13year-old grandson Nadav are

accompanying him. On his departure, Peres rejected the criticism from the Likud and the Prime Minister's Office against his planned meeting with King Hassan, who rebuffed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's recent attempts to meet him.

"I decided to go on vacation to Morocco with [Sonia and] our grandson after many years of not doing so," Peres said. "The king heard about it and said he would be happy to host us. All over the world parliamentarians from both governments and their oppositions visit and meet with foreign heads of state. What do they talk about,

the weather? They discuss political Peres noted that nobody from the government had contacted him to ask him to postpone the visit or to advise him that Netanyahu is try-

hired workers are mostly political appointees of the new leadership, who were hired on the basis of coalition agreements. "While the Histadrut is preaching about nec-essary cutbacks, it is simply replac-ing then with political appoint-ments, at the expense of workers who have given their life's work to the Histadrut and are new point to the Histadrut and are now going to be thrown out," Haliwa said. He noted that the Histadrut lead-

ers are spending NIS 5 million a month on the unnecessary, unjustified move to Jerusalem, in addition to NIS 2.5 million a month on ren-ovating the old Histadrut offices in Tel Aviv, which are to be leased in a few months.

"We won't agree to firing a single worker until the leadership proves that the dismissal is necessary and that first they are getting rid of the new workers they hired," Haliwa

Supreme Court rules on women's rights for immigrants

Histadrut

intends to fire

600 workers

by end of year

THE Histadrut leadership is planning to fire 600 more workers from

the labor federation apparatus and

its labor councils by the end of the

year, in an attempt to balance its The dismissals' timetable is due to be given to the federation's finance committee today. The

Histadrut leadership maintains that the firings are necessary due to the organization's huge deficit.

At the same time, the Histadrut

has hired 450 workers on personal

contracts, to replace the hundreds

on the collective wage agreement it

has fired since the new leadership was elected some two years ago.

Histadrut union chairman Haim

Haliwa said yesterday that the union has petitioned the labor court

for an injunction to prevent the dis-

missals and intends to declare a

Haliwa said the 450 recently

A WOMAN may have rights to her

husband's property even if they

were married in a country where

joint ownership of property is not

the norm, the Supreme Court ruled

The court was ruling on a dispute

between Victoria and Simantov

Nafisi, who married in Iran in

1944 and moved to Israel in 1983.

In 1987, relations between the two

deteriorated, and, though they did

not divorce, Victoria asked the

courts to award her equal rights to

two bank accounts worth some

\$320,000, which were opened in

1983 with money Simantov

brought from Iran, and a Tel Aviv

store Simantov bought in 1979. In

1991, the Tel Aviv District Court

ruled that Victoria did have a right

to this property, but the Supreme

Court unanimously overturned this

decision on appeal in 1994.

victoria men asked for a second

hearing with an expanded panel of

justices, and in this second hear-

law which said immigrant couples'

property rights would be deter-

mined by the law of the country in

The case revolved around a 1973

ing, the court reversed itself.

Strasberg-Cohen, Cheshin, Shlomo Levine and Theodor Orr, with Eliahu Mazza and Zvi Tal dissenting, ruled that the Nafisis implicitly made such a contract upon immigrating to

Goldberg, who wrote the majority opinion, said the natural presumption is that an immigrant intends to adopt the laws and customs of the society to which he is immigrating. Therefore, he continued, in the absence of solid evidence to the contrary, it is logical to assume that Simantov intended for his wife to have equal rights in the bank accounts he opened.

The store presents a more complicated problem, since it was bought before the Nafisis moved here, Goldberg said. However, the couple had already decided to move here when the store was couple had already made the decision to adopt an Israeli lifestyle, he

In their dissent, Mazza and Tal argued that this assumption emp-

ties the law of all meaning. Had the Knesset intended Israeli property law to apply to all immigrants, it would have legislated accordingly, they said. However, the Knesset specifically rejected

Peres leaves for Morocco MICHAL YUDELMAN

ing to meet with the Moroccan



Japanese FM: Israel must abide by land-for-peace formula

JAPANESE Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda believes that the Netanyahu government must adhere to a land-for-peace formula to advance Middle East peace talks, his spokesman said yester-

Ikeda met yesterday with President Ezer Weizman in Jerusalem and then with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza.

He is expected to meet separately today with Foreign Minister David Levy and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

It remains unclear if Ikeda will bring a message to Netanyahu

Golan Heights, was arrested last

week on suspicion of committing

crimes related to national securi-

released for publication in

response to an appeal by reporters from Itim, Channel 2 and

Tarabieh was arrested early last

Monday morning for allegedly

setting fire to a police station in the village of Mas'ada, contacting

a foreign agent and other crimes

related to national security.

In seeking his extended remand, the police representative

told the Acre Magistrates' Court

that Tarabieh's crimes constituted

serious threats to national securi-

ty and that the investigation was

Human Rights Watch, an inde-

pendent, US-based organization,

on Saturday demanded the release of Tarabieh, a consultant

to the organization. It said that

Tarabieh was being subjected to

Kenneth Roth said, "The fact that

interrogators have spent hours questioning Mr. Tarabieh about

Executive Director

ill treatment.

Details of the case were

ty, it was revealed yesterday.

Ma'ariv.

from Syrian President Hafez accord. Assad, with whom he met over the

Japan's ties with Israel have improved as the peace process has

Since the start of the peace process, there been several highlevel visits between Japan and Israel, including a trip by prime minister Yitzhak Rabin to Tokyo two years ago and a visit by Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama last year just days before the signing of the Oslo II

"They have kept him in a con-

torted position with his hands and

feet tied, and with a dirty sack

"Instead of mistreating and

harassing him over his work to

protect the rights of others, they

should grant him his liberty

During an appeal of Tarabieh's detention on Friday in Haifa

District Court, his lawyer request-

ed that he be released on bail or

transferred to house arrest, argu-

ing that the detainee has no crim-

inal or security record and poses

no threat to national or public

The court denied the appeal, on

the basis of secret information

that was withheld from Tarabieh

A hearing on further extension

Tarabieh's work for HRW

focused on Saddam Hussein's

genocidal campaign against Iraqi Kurds.

laborated until 1995, was the sub-

ject of a long article in Ha'aretz

Tarabieh has served more

recently as a part-time translator

and interpreter for HRW while

working toward a degree at

and lives in the Philadelphia area.

He is married to a US citizen

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and his lawyer.

on March 1, 1994.

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held today

Last year, Israel's exports to Japan reached \$1.315 billion and

its imports (mainly cars) were \$938 million. This marked a \$333m. increase in exports over the year before, while imports declined by a slight \$24m. Japan is Israel's second largest

trade partner after the US. Japan has agreed to open a Japan Export and Trade Organization (known by its acronym, JETRO) in Israel next month to promote eco-

Tokyo has provided economic assistance to Arab parties involved in the peace process. It has donated approximately \$100m. annually in various forms of assistance to the PA and is expected to continue

Over the weekend, Ikeda and Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti signed an accord for a \$7m. grant for Jordan to modemize the transit for Israeli-Jordan

Japan has also provided \$340m. in soft loans and grants to Jordan in the last year, including a \$100m. loan to expand Jordan's largest power plant in Akaba.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lung from accident victim transplanted
A lung from a young woman who was killed on a bicycle Saturday

was transplanted yesterday by doctors at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital into a 54-year-old woman suffering from severe lung disease. The parents of the girl, who was brought to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital after the road accident, agreed to donate a number of organs; the others were taken for transplant in other hospitals. The donor had Type AB blood, found in only 3 percent of the population, and the recipients have the same type.

Top entertainers to join protest rally against industrial zone

Leading entertainers are to join environmentalists in a rally near Kibbutz Kabri tonight to protest plans to establish an industrial zone in the Upper Galilee area.

The environmentalists, including hundreds of Jewish and Arab residents in the area, maintain that the proposed site is directly on top of natural springs and an underground reservoir, the main sources of drinking water for the area.

Alon Porat, a resident of Klil village, said thousands of people are expected to participate in the rally, to be attended by leading Jewish and Arab singers and entertainers.

Israeli wins 2nd prize in Jordanian contest Israeli photographer Varda Polak-Sahn has won second prize in an international photography exhibition held in Jordan. The exhibition took place about a month ago, but Polak-Sahn only recently learned from the Foreign Ministry that she had won the prize,

which is to be presented in Amman next month. Haim Shapiro

New check-in terminals to be set up

Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy said yesterday that he would initiate the establishment of check-in terminals in the country's large cities in order to ease the delays at Ben-Gurion Airport. The terminals would provide all services to the passengers except for actual boarding onto the plane. In the plan's first stage, terminals would be set up in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, and serve El Al passengers only. Later, this service would be extended to other airlines, the ministry said in a statement.

Levy noted that this year some 8 million passengers are expected to pass through Ben-Gurion, whose annual capacity is 4.5 million. Jerusalem Post Staff

China-Israel shipping deal scheduled

China and Israel are to sign a bilateral shipping agreement. The pact, scheduled to be signed here on October 16 by Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy and his Chinese counterpart Huang Zhendong, will improve Israel's ability to compete internationally,

AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, the jack of hearts, the 10 of diamonds, and the eight of clubs.

Institute: Problem of foreign workers reaches capital

BILL HUTMAN

FOREIGN workers are fast becoming a problem not only in Tel Aviv, but also in Jerusalem, according to Rami Friedman. director of The Jerusalem Institute For Israel Studies.

"In Jerusalem many of the problems that have already become rooted in Tel Aviv [with foreign workers] are only now becoming tive to take action right away," he

The institute, one of the nation's leading think tanks, is presently conducting several research projects on the issue of foreign work-

Initial work by the institute points to several centers in Jerusalem where foreign workers have settled, including the Ir Ganim neighborhood and behind the central post office on Koresh Street, and shows signs of a rise in

crime as a result. Friedman said Jerusalem has the second largest concentration of foreign workers in the nation, or about 20,000, compared to the 80,000 to 100,000 in Tel Aviv. He put the overall number in the country at about 160,000, lower than government estimates of 200,000.

On Friday, the government put off a decision on Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai's plan to deport 1,000 illegal foreign workers a month. Friedman said he agreed in principle with the need for deportations, but insisted that it must be done intelligently.

The majority of foreign laborers in Jerusalem work in construction and in service-related industries that require cheap labor, he said.

"In Jerusalem, we are talking about a problem that has only arisen over the past two to three years," Friedman said. "It hasn't taken roots like in Tel Aviv, so steps can still be taken to deal with

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